





# A question of turning the tables on inquisitors

FOUR hundred and eighty-nine journalists now have parliamentary press passes. We know this because it was revealed in a Written Answer from the Chairman of the Administration Committee last week.

Peter Bottomley (C. Eatham) had inquired. Bottomley is on the warpath after newspapers suggested that MPs were enjoying an effective three-day week.

"Will he arrange to monitor for a week the number of journalists in the gallery during each hour the House sits?" Bottomley added.

"Yes," was the reply. "I

have asked the Sergeant at Arms to make arrangements for the first full sitting week after the House returns from the Easter adjournment."

I regret to say that Bottomley's warning has yet to sink in. Choosing a particularly riveting moment of yesterday afternoon's proceedings when, at 5.43pm, MPs were considering New Clause 1 at the Report Stage of the Finance Bill, I peered in to check. David Winnick (Lab. Walsall N) was on his feet. Besides Winnick there were 17 MPs in the Chamber.

There was one journalist in the Press Gallery. He was not



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POLITICAL SKETCH

taking notes. Where were the other 488? We must pull up our socks fast if we are to survive the head counts.

Mr Bottomley's spies will either have to keep a continuous tally, or make random swoops. For if the count takes place at the same time each hour we will soon learn when that is, and file in like prisoners to the prison yard for the taking of the register — then escape back behind

bars. Many journalists consider the Bottomley plan outrageous.

But this column is concerned not that it is too bold — but that it is too timid. The mere fact of a reporter's physical presence is no guarantee that he or she is listening, understanding, or, indeed, awake. Ten seconds of Winnick yesterday had my eyes glazing over.

There are two ways Mr B

might check that we were doing our job. The first (and less ambitious) is that Madam Speaker be empowered to interrupt MPs' speeches at any point, crane her neck up at the Press Gallery, select any journalist at random, and call: "You — yes, you, young lady — Alice Thomson! What was Mr Winnick just saying?" And (assuming she had a note) Alice would have to try to read her shorthand back as MPs giggled and jeered.

For expert political editors, this spotcheck could go further. As (for instance) Mr Major dined "I refer my Rt Hon friend to the answer I

gave on 20 March, 1991". Miss Boothroyd could bark up at us: "Now let's see who really knows their stuff. To what is the Prime Minister referring here? Hands up! Yes, Peter Riddell..."

But my more ambitious plan is, I think, the best. Apart from Questions to departmental ministers, each Wednesday would feature quarter of an hour for Questions to newspaper editors. On the first Wednesday after Easter, we might have Questions to the Editor of *The Independent* newspaper.

Mr Ian Hargreaves, sitting among us upstairs, would be

flanked (as secretaries of state are flanked by junior ministers) by his lobby correspondents. Hargreaves would quail as he saw that Question I was from Jonathan Aitken: "When did the Editor last meet Mr Tim Laxton, on his staff, and will he make a Statement?"

Tories would cheer and Labour boo as Aitken tried to trip Hargreaves up. Tory poodles would chip in with planted questions designed to assist the Chief Secretary.

After all, if the media do now wield the power that everyone says we do, perhaps we should be held to account.

## M25 to be widened to carry 12 lanes of traffic

By JONATHAN PRYNN  
AND ALICE THOMPSON

THE busiest two-mile section of the M25 is to be turned into the country's first 12-lane motorway, the Transport Secretary said yesterday.

Controversial proposals to build link-roads alongside the M25 in Surrey to create a 14-lane super-highway had been shelved, Brian Mawhinney told the Commons. The decision was condemned by the roads lobby and environmental groups.

Under the new proposals, the most heavily congested stretch of the London orbital motorway will be widened to at least five lanes in each direction between junctions 12 and 16 to the west of the capital. Only between junction 14, the interchange with the M4, and junction 15 will the carriageway be widened to six lanes. Dr Mawhinney said the £75 million widening scheme, combined with the introduction of new traffic management technology, was capable of handling the projected growth in traffic on the M25 for the next 15 years.

Michael Meacher, the Shadow Transport Secretary, said the Government had been forced into "a monumental U-turn on a scheme which should never have been envisaged". The proposed road lanes were "very expensive and will rapidly fill up with traffic", he said.

Local anti-roads campaigners pledged to continue the fight against the proposals. Roger Higman, transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said: "This announcement paves the way for part of the M25 to be turned into a 12-lane superhighway. That is simply unacceptable."

The decision also met a furious reaction from the roads lobby. The AA said it was "a stake through the heart of the economy".

The Government was forced into action over the M25 by the volume of traffic using it for access to Heathrow and Gatwick airports. Dr Mawhinney said he was setting up a cross-department group of officials chaired by Steve Norris, the Minister for Transport in London, to explore developing better road and rail links with the airports. This could include railway stations with check-in facilities next to motorways leading into the capital.

## Clwyd and Cousins failed to clear visit to Turkey with Chief Whip

# Blair dismisses two frontbenchers for unauthorised trip

By JILL SHERMAN  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

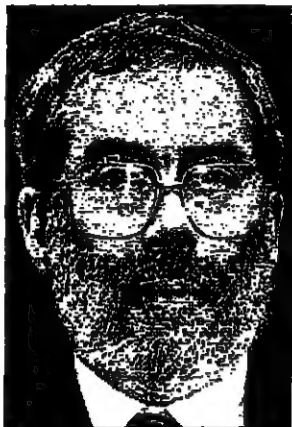
TONY BLAIR took a tough approach to party discipline yesterday by sacking two Labour frontbenchers for taking an unauthorised trip abroad. Ann Clwyd and Jim Cousins, both from Labour's foreign affairs team, were dismissed after going on a five-day visit to Turkey and Iraq without getting permission from Derek Foster, Labour's Chief Whip. Determined to assert his authority on his frontbench team, the Labour leader reprimanded Ms Clwyd and Mr Cousins for missing a series of key votes in the Commons last week.

The MPs left on Sunday, March 26, missing votes on the Disabled Rights Bill and a three-line whip on an education debate, before returning last Friday.

The visit, to monitor the Turkish army's incursion against Kurdish guerrillas in Iraq, also meant that two of Labour's foreign affairs team were absent during Foreign Office questions in the Commons last Wednesday.

"They have been dismissed for going abroad without the permission of the whips or of the Shadow Foreign Secretary and subsequently failing to return for important votes, having been asked to do so," a spokesman for Mr Blair said.

Ms Clwyd, who had previ-



Cousins: not whingeing

ously been sacked from the front bench by Neil Kinnock for voting against Labour on a defence vote, immediately attacked the decision as "unfair". But Mr Cousins accepted the decision and told her to stop "whingeing".

Ms Clwyd said that her dismissal was due to a long-standing argument with one of the senior Labour whips, the pairing whip Ray Powell. She argued she had been treated unfairly, insisting that she had had a good voting record and had been absent from the Commons only once this year.

"I am quite prepared to take punishment when I think it is deserved but I do not, in the circumstances, believe it was deserved," Ms Clwyd said.

She argued that she had been invited at the last minute by Erdal Inonu, the new Turkish Foreign Secretary, to act as an international observer.

Ms Clwyd, a human rights campaigner, has had close links with Turkey for more than a decade and felt she could not turn down such an opportunity.

Mr Cousins, in sharp contrast, accepted Mr Blair's decision and admitted that he would have done the same himself, and he advised Ms Clwyd to stop complaining.

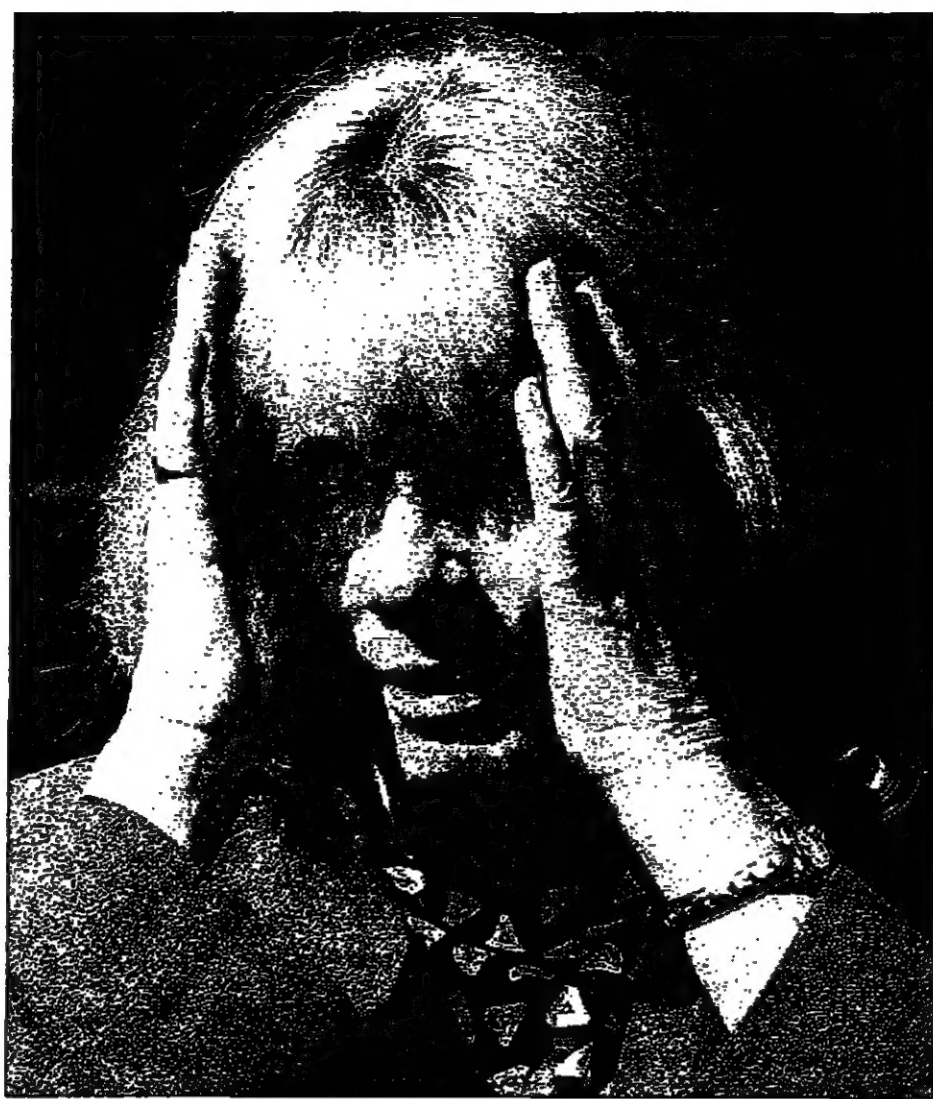
"I don't think she has been unfairly treated — I don't think I have been unfairly treated," he said. "I am not whingeing about it and I strongly recommend that Ann doesn't whinge either," he added.

He is said to have agreed to go with her because his brief covers the Middle East, but he is privately angry that the trip turned out to be little more than a propaganda exercise.

The Chief Whip was alerted to their trip only on Monday morning last week, although Ms Clwyd insisted she had left a message on the answering machine of Don Dixon, the deputy chief whip, on Sunday before she departed.

She also said that she had told the office of Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, about the trip on the previous Friday.

Mr Foster contacted both



Clwyd: attacked the Labour leader's decision to dismiss her as unfair

MPs on Monday afternoon when they were on the Iraqi border and told them they would be sacked unless they returned on the next available flight.

He then reserved two places on an aircraft returning from Ankara on Wednesday night but the MPs failed to take them. Ms Clwyd maintains

that she and Mr Cousins never knew about the seats. But their failure to return on Wednesday was said to be the last straw.

Mr Blair's tough approach shows his determination to instil discipline into his frontbench team.

The whips' office has also

been trying to ensure a 100 per cent turnout for recent votes, to highlight the Government's small majority.

Both Ms Clwyd and Mr Cousins are expected to be replaced by two MPs from the 1992 intake who were promoted to the whips' office last November.

## Church is criticised for £800m losses

By ARTHUR LEATHERLEY

A Commons report into the Church of England's £800 million losses is set to trigger a shake-up of the links between church and state.

Heavy losses on property deals, most notably in an £80 million development now worth £3 million, will be dismissed as extremely "foolish" by MPs later this month. The Commons report will conclude that the Church Commissioners came as "close as any exempt charity could to breaking the law" and will demand changes in the way the church controls its funds.

The Commissioners, who administer assets worth £2.4 billion, may also be forced to cede control of clergy pensions worth some £1 billion.

Members of the Commons Social Security Select Committee will call for improvements in the Church's actuarial procedures and publish a list of criticisms of the Commissioners' investment strategy, its "cosy" relationship with specialist financial advisers and its failure to publish adequate accounts.

MPs are anxious to press for change to prevent a repetition of the investments made by the Church during the 1980s.

The report, to be published after the Easter holidays, will call on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to back legislation that will give MPs greater power over setting new pensions rules, possibly by this summer, and for new laws on the relationship between Parliament, the Commissioners and the Church's General Synod, next year.

## Major challenges Adams to discuss decommissioning

FROM PETER RIDDELL IN WASHINGTON

JOHN MAJOR challenged Gerry Adams and Sinn Féin yesterday to start serious discussions about decommissioning the IRA's weapons and explosives.

Speaking in Washington, the Prime Minister brushed aside Mr Adams's comment that he did not have any confidence in Mr Major, who should follow the example of President Clinton and "sue for peace".

Mr Major said that he did not care what the President of Sinn Féin thought. What he was concerned about was that Sinn Féin "comes along and engages in constructive discussions that will lead to a decommissioning of arms".

Mr Major discussed the Northern Ireland situation in his talks with members of the Administration and with congressional leaders. Mr Major was given strong support on the decommissioning issue by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. Both Mr Major and Mr Christopher were at pains to put behind them the differences last month over Mr Adams's visit

to Washington. Mr Major described these differences as "a spat, as there is in the best of families".

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said he hoped that ministerial talks with Sinn Féin could begin soon.

Mr Major and the Clinton Administration proclaimed their agreement on a wide range of international issues, headed by the Bosnian conflict, as a preparation for the meeting today at the White House between the Prime Minister and the President.

On Bosnia, both governments agreed on the need to reinvestigate the international contact group to prolong the cessation of hostilities due to end later this month. However, Mr Major failed to persuade Senator Robert Dole, the Republican majority leader, of the strong British opposition to the unilateral lifting of sanctions against arms supplies to the Bosnian Muslims.

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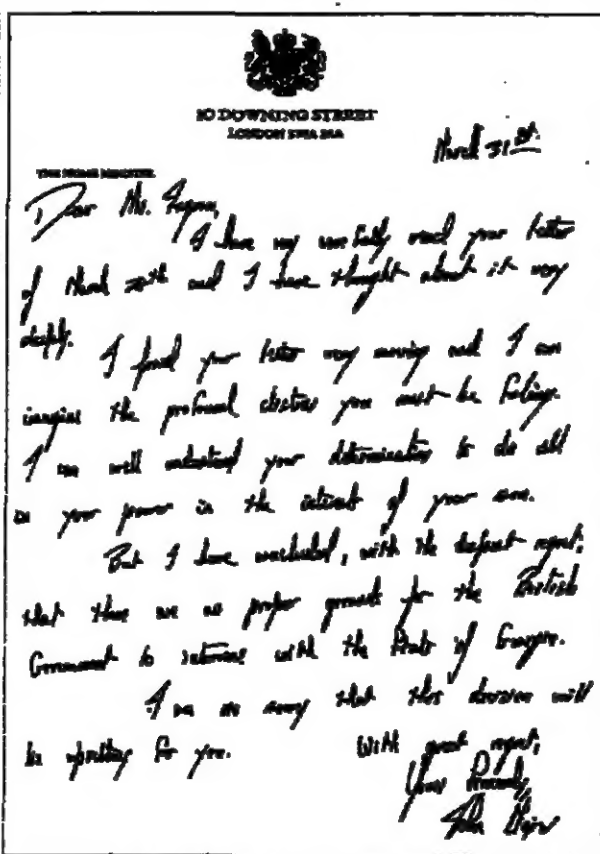


Ingram: condemned

## Execution

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legal standing in a case in the state of Georgia. That is not only because Ingram has dual nationality but also because the Government does not believe in interfering where someone has broken the laws of another country.

The Prime Minister also emphasised America's right to use the death penalty for serious crimes in a draft reply to the Labour MP Anne Campbell, in whose Cambridge constituency Ingram was born. Mr Major wrote: "There are no special grounds for a plea because the death penalty is permitted in certain circumstances under international human rights law. Mr Ingram was convicted of a most serious crime as spec-



John Major's letter to Mrs Ingram

fied in Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Mr Ingram has received a fair trial and a lengthy appeals process."

Mr Major, who votes in the Commons against restoring capital punishment, made the personal decision not to inter-

vene after receiving an emotional letter from Ingram's mother last week.

The Foreign Office advised the Prime Minister that Britain had no formal grounds to become involved.

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## Man in the News

# Historian who devoted decades to Churchill

By DANIEL JOHNSON

MARTIN GILBERT, the "court chronicler" accompanying the Prime Minister to Washington, is a one-man university. His life's work has been the official biography of Winston Churchill, which took three decades to complete. Even if that *magnus opus* were to be disregarded, Gilbert, 53, could be viewed as one of the leading historians of his generation.

A precocious undergraduate, Gilbert owed much to A.J.P. Taylor's tutorials at Magdalen College, Oxford, in the 1950s. After national service, he became a fellow of Merton College in 1962 and has remained one since. Although he has held many visiting chairs, he has never been primarily an academic historian, preferring to work from home in Oxford or north London. In 1963 he published his first (much acclaimed) book, *The Appeasers*, written jointly with Richard Gott, later of *The Guardian*.

At about this time, Gilbert became one of several re-

search assistants to Randolph Churchill, whose official biography of his father was proceeding slowly. Gilbert tells delightful anecdotes about this period, such as the occasion when Jonathan Aitken — then an Oxford undergraduate, now Chief Secretary to the Treasury — was put forward by Randolph to be a Tory candidate after a local MP died, with the Churchill research team ordered to canvass for him. It turned out that Aitken was too young to sit as an MP; instead he became private secretary to Selwyn Lloyd.

After Randolph Churchill's premature death, Gilbert was appointed official biographer of Winston Churchill in 1968. In that year he published volume three of the life, the first to be entirely his work. Gilbert maintained an Olympian neutrality towards his subject, but his deep sympathy was evident from the first.

He quickened the pace of a project that was in danger of grinding to a halt, but it took

until 1988 — by which time he had published another five volumes, together with dozens of companion volumes of documents — before the most magisterial biography of modern times was complete. Since then, he has written a short one-volume life of Churchill and rebutted attempts by revisionist historians to undermine Churchill's reputation.

Meanwhile, Gilbert had published several impressive works of scholarship quite apart from his best-known specialism. He is a leading authority on the Nazi extermination of the Jews: his vast work, *The Holocaust*, appeared in 1985. Since 1989, he has also published (to much acclaim) his histories of the two world wars. He has also written many works on the Middle East.

Gilbert's books have been criticised for leaving out his own voice: his defence is that he always lets the witnesses speak for themselves.

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## Boy 'let off gas on bus to trap girl he raped'

By A Staff Reporter

A SCHOOLBOY launched a CS gas attack on a double-decker bus to force a 16-year-old girl into his clutches, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

The bus had to be evacuated and the 15-year-old youth marched the girl to a flat where he raped her twice in a store room, it was alleged.

Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution, said that the boy launched the gas attack with the expressed purpose of forcing his victim off the bus.

The court was told that the boy, who cannot be named because of his age, had repeatedly tried to persuade the girl to go out with him after meeting her in the street. His friends had stolen her purse and told her that she would not be safe unless he escorted her. She rebuffed all his advances but he then followed the girl and her friend on to a bus as they made their way home to Blackheath, southeast London, from a party 11 months ago.

The two girls sat away from the defendant and his two friends on top of the bus. He asked her twice if she wanted to go to a friend's house. She refused. Mr Laidlaw said, adding that the boy then gave an ominous warning: "You won't make it home. You might as well come

with us." Minutes later he let off the canister near Cumberwell Green, southeast London.

"CS gas is used for riot control. It has a choking effect. It causes irritation and stinging to the eyes," Mr Laidlaw said. "Everyone on the bus had to leave. The boy approached her on the street and said, 'See, I told you'. He accepted that he had deliberately gassed the bus to get her off."

The court was told that he then said to the girl: "Come with me or I'll gas you in the face." He allegedly added: "You will get home safe, don't make me angry." He led her by the arm, and her friend followed with two female and three male friends of the defendant, Mr Laidlaw said.

The girl was led into a flat on an estate in West Dulwich, southeast London. The two girls were separated and the defendant pulled the schoolgirl into a storage room. "He pushed her up against a wall and began undoing the buttons of her coat. She tried to stop him and he said, 'Don't make me mad,'" Mr Laidlaw said. The court was told that the girl desperately tried to fight him off but he stripped off her boots, leggings and knickers and raped her. "The court was told that the two girls were then allowed to

leave and given some money to get a taxi. "She was so shaken and frightened of the defendant that she was reluctant to go to the police," Mr Laidlaw said.

The court was told that the girl's mother alerted the authorities and the defendant was arrested four days later.

A DNA profile was taken which showed that there is a one in ten million chance that someone other than the defendant from Brixton, south London, had sex with the girl that night.

The defendant, who did not have to sit in the dock because of his youth, exercised his right of silence after his arrest. He denies two charges of rape and others of kidnapping and false imprisonment.

He was accompanied by two social workers at the back of the court. Mr Laidlaw said: "He met her for the first time by chance in the street. He obviously found her attractive but she was not interested in him. He effectively engineered a situation where he was able to abduct her and against her will rape her twice."

Describing the defendant Mr Laidlaw said: "He shows a maturity and degree of sophistication beyond his relatively tender years."

The trial continues.



Mudiane Giwa-Osagie is suing two midwives who alleged sexual harassment

## Doctor accuses midwives of wrecking career

By A Staff Reporter

THE career of a Nigerian gynaecologist was "shipwrecked on the rocks by the spite and malice" of two midwives who falsely accused him of sexual harassment, the High Court was told yesterday.

Mudiane Giwa-Osagie, 41, who was training in obstetrics and gynaecology, blames a conspiracy of racial prejudice for being dumped from his job because of the "lies" of the two women. Ronald Thwaites, QC, for Dr Giwa-Osagie, said the doctor denied any misconduct and was seeking damages for libel or slander from Sally Hall and Sharon Smithson, and from Doncaster Health Authority, which suspended him from his job as an acting registrar at Doncaster Royal Infirmary in December 1990.

Mr Thwaites said that Dr Giwa-Osagie, of Walthamstow, east London, was an innocent man who had been "terribly wronged by these women". He had been unable to complete his training or get a job as a doctor because the entire medical world had closed him out, his counsel said.

"We say he has been shipwrecked on the rocks of spite and malice," Mr Thwaites added that Dr Giwa-Osagie's only crime was that "his face, his black face, no longer fitted".

In December 1990, Mrs Hall claimed, first verbally then in a written statement,

that Dr Giwa-Osagie got into a lift with her when she was on night shift and asked if she was pregnant. She alleged he rubbed her stomach and then moved his hand down to her groin.

Dr Giwa-Osagie denied being in the lift with Mrs Hall, but admitted that he did remark on her size and patted her stomach to offer congratulations.

He took both Mrs Hall and the hospital authorities to an industrial tribunal on the ground of racial discrimination after he was suspended. The claim against Mrs Hall of Doncaster, was dismissed. But in September 1992 the hospital was ordered by the Sheffield Tribunal to pay Dr Giwa-Osagie £7,500 damages.

In January 1993 the second midwife, Miss Smithson, complained that Dr Giwa-Osagie had told her she was so small he could fit her in his pocket. She claimed he took her hand and rubbed it up and down his back pocket. Dr Giwa-Osagie claims this allegation is "malicious fiction".

Mr Thwaites told Mr Justice Drake that the sexual harassment allegations, had triggered a conspiracy against his client. He told the court that the health authority had now trawled the country for "little tattlers" from previous staff, and produced supposed evidence of incidents where Dr Giwa-Osagie had sexually harassed other women. The hearing continues.

## Son tricked GP father into letting him treat patients

By KATE ALDERSON

A DOCTOR'S son was allowed to treat patients in the family surgery after deceiving his father that he was a gifted medical student.

Bruce Moss, 26, injected, vitrified, took blood samples and removed stitches during a six-month job at his father's general practice. Yesterday he admitted assisting two female patients at the surgery to Whitehaven, Cumbria, where his father Brian had worked for more than 20 years.

Dr Moss was duped into paying grant cheques to his son, who pretended he was studying medicine at University College Hospital, London. Moss, 26, forged certificates purporting to proclaim his medical brilliance.

Moss arrived at his father's surgery to carry out holiday work during July 1993. Staff became suspicious of him and telephoned UCH to check his qualifications. The college told them that Moss had never been one of their students, and they alerted the police.

At Carlisle Crown Court

yesterday Moss admitted four offences, including causing actual bodily harm to two patients he treated at his father's surgery. Florence Coen was injected with vitamins and Susan Hawkins had blood taken from her.

He also pleaded guilty to forging a letter from UCH in order to get a holiday job working for his father, and admitted a charge of forging a prescription. Moss was given conditional bail by Mr Justice McKinnon until next Monday when he is due to be sentenced. Pre-sentencing psychiatric reports have been requested by the defence.

A search for Moss was halted on Friday after he told a friend to tell police he was in Bolton, Greater Manchester.

Moss will be sentenced alongside his father, who was jointly charged with his son with forging a prescription form. Dr Moss also admitted attempting to prepare a £4.25 prescription to another name to avoid payment to the National Health Service.

## Boy of 6 left to care for his brothers

A SIX-YEAR-OLD boy left alone at home with his two younger brothers dialled 999 in panic when he woke to find that his father was not there.

The boy, who had been left for three hours with his brothers, aged three and four, while his father was in a pub, told police on the telephone: "Daddy's left us alone." Officers who went to the house in Banbury, Oxfordshire, at 1.30am on February 19 found the three pyjama-clad boys frightened and confused.

Martin Foreman, for the prosecution, told Banbury magistrates that the boys had been staying for the weekend with their 34-year-old father, who was separated from their mother. He put them in bed at 10pm and went out to a nearby pub.

He returned home in his car as police were about to take the children away, but drove off when he spotted officers outside. After a brief chase he was stopped and breathalysed, and was found to be almost three times over the legal drink-drive limit.

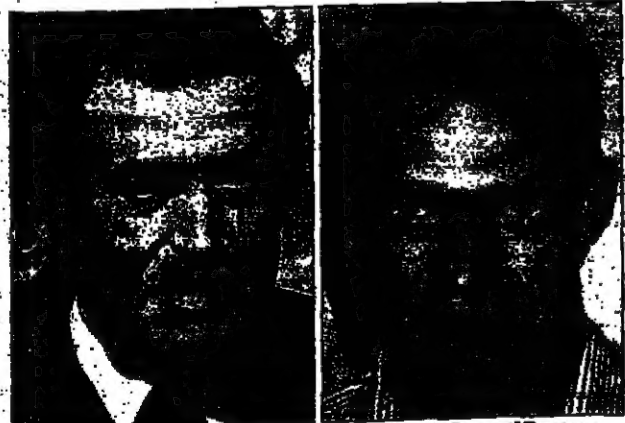
The father admitted three charges of wilfully abandoning a child in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health. He also admitted drink-driving.

When interviewed by police the father said that he had gone out to buy cigarettes but stayed for a drink in a pub. He claimed he normally had an au-pair to look after the children, but she was also out.

Stephen Warrington, for the defence, said the man was depressed at his marriage break-up and had been made redundant four times in three years. He was taking anti-depressant tablets at the time.

The case was adjourned for reports.

## "CAN SOMEONE COME AND GET MY DADDY DOWN?"



Dr Brian Moss's son Bruce forged certificates which purported to be from medical academics

## Children start to develop intelligence in the womb

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE intellectual development of children begins in the womb, psychologists reported yesterday. By observing foetal movements and responses to sounds, they believe it may be possible to predict school performance.

Professor Peter Hepper, of Queen's University, Belfast, told the British Psychological Society's conference at Warwick that foetal intellectual development was as important as physical development. In tests, sounds or music had been played through an earphone against the mother's abdomen. The foetus responded with movement or a change in heartbeat but as the stimulus was repeated the response ceased. Professor Hepper said the foetus was

then habituated to the sound — in effect, had learnt it — and was ready to assimilate another piece of information.

Tests of this kind on newborn babies had been used to predict school performance at 11, he said. Similar tests on seven foetuses at 24 weeks gestation, who are now between three and 18 months old, enabled psychologists to distinguish normally developing babies from those with varying degrees of mental abnormality caused by Down's syndrome.

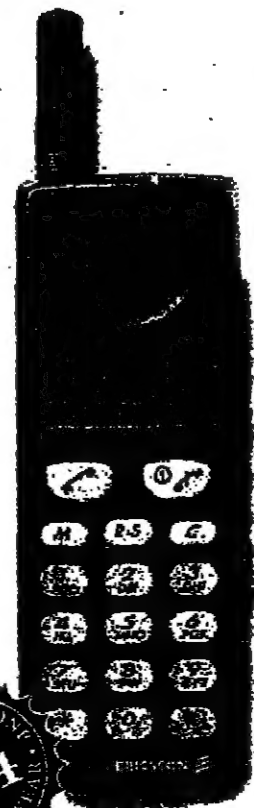
The tests showed that the intellectual superiority of girls through early childhood is already evident in the womb. Girls were two weeks ahead of boys in their capacity to assimilate information

by 24 weeks of pregnancy. Professor Hepper said.

The foetus develops taste and smell by drinking the mother's amniotic fluid. Professor Hepper said this was an important mechanism for helping the baby to recognise its mother's milk.

He said recognition that the foetus responded to stimuli would require a reassessment of the risks of pregnancy. Movement of the foetus, which is affected by the movement of the mother, is essential for it to develop its muscles, skeleton and joints. Office workers who sit for hours may have less developed babies because of their lack of exercise.

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Critics brush off actor's 'cerebrally challenged' verbal attack at Olivier awards ceremony

# Thespians praise Slattery's outspoken performance

By DALYA ALBERGE  
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE morning after the night that Tony Slattery insulted the critics, fellow thespians were awarding him medals for having said what they had only ever rehearsed in their wildest dreams. The four critics who had been the butt of the actor-comedian's attacks at the Laurence Olivier awards ceremony on Sunday were putting on a brave face and brushing off the comments.

How anyone could have used a four-letter expletive to describe one critic and another "barking bloody mad" was the talking-point of the theatre world yesterday. After bottling up years of anger, actors saw it as the critics getting a taste of their own medicine.

As one said: "Those critics have really wounded so many people. For years they have been evilly cruel."

Susan Hampshire said: "I didn't hear anyone complaining about what he said. What a brave and extraordinary thing to do. His livelihood is working in theatre and TV, yet here he was laying himself on the line and saying what he felt, perhaps jeopardising his livelihood. It was dangerous. You had to admire his panache. All our livelihoods are in the hands of these



Tony Slattery, left, was loudly applauded by the actresses Susan Hampshire and Sheila Gish for his robust abuse of critics including Nicholas de Jongh

critics." She said that critics were extremely sensitive. "If they ever have some criticism they always have a letter published the next day." She said, however, that the four-letter word that had "everyone falling out of their chair" at the ceremony was over the top.

Sheila Gish applauded Slattery's performance: "I love Tony Slattery.

I've seldom laughed so much. He certainly got a lot of sympathy. I think every actor feels helpless in the teeth of critics. You can never answer back, should you want to. So when someone does it for you ..."

She said they "clutched each other and screamed" as Slattery spoke. She lamented the absence of a critic such as Kenneth Tynan.

Some of today's critics "sometimes write as if something's the God-given truth rather than their opinion. As an actor, you have to be terribly sanguine about them."

Slattery was unrepentant: "I was joking, to get a laugh straight away. But I believe everything I said." He spoke of his distaste for critics who leave before the end of a

play. Nicholas de Jongh, of the *Evening Standard*, whom Slattery described with the four-letter word, said: "I've no objection to Tony Slattery trying to slag me off. The critics dish it out, so if actors want to say something ... But it was a little cerebrally challenged. I've never even spoken to him. I'm not hurt, not even remotely. He's

perhaps exceptionally sensitive. I don't remember my review of his performance in *Radio Times* being extreme, or *Neville's Island*. "I look on these things neutrally. Berkoff once threatened to kill me ten years ago face to face. That didn't affect my view of Berkoff. Now I'm very good friends. It's a difficult job being an actor. You

need nerves of steel. It's a precarious life. Some of them get emotional."

Maureen Paton, of the *Daily Express*, whom Slattery said was more likely to be found in a pub than the theatre, said she had never met him before that night.

"I made a point of introducing myself afterwards," she said. "We got on very well. I think he just plucked names at random. He didn't seem to be embarrassed. He seemed to have forgotten what he had said. So I was happy to forget it." Recalling reviews of Slattery's work, she said her review of *Radio Times* noted: "I grieve for the actors." Slattery was the lead actor.

In spite of her surprise, she insisted that the comments would not colour her next review. "You'd be quickly found out if you made it a personal vendetta," she said.

Peter Hepple, consultant editor of *The Stage* and secretary of the Critics' Circle, said that the attack on Paton was quite slanderous, and those on the other critics were "jokes in bad taste — a startling way to start off the evening, even though they got a big laugh." But, he added: "I can't imagine the Critics' Circle making official representations. That is almost beneath us."

Benedict Nightingale, page 16

## Head appoints counsellor to help pupils with stress

By KATE ALDERSON

AN INNER-CITY school has appointed a counsellor to help pupils, some as young as 11, cope with stress and depression.

Pupils at Stretford High School, Manchester, will be offered counselling on subjects ranging from bullying and drugs to family problems and overwork in what is believed to be the first full-time programme in the country. Teachers at the mixed comprehensive school have long dealt with pupils' problems but determined there was a growing need for professional counselling, Ian Atkinson, the headmistress of the 700-pupil school, said that teachers did not necessarily have the specialist skills to deal with children's problems, which they may not fully understand.

"Pupils are not just suffering from the stress of completing coursework and exams while in the classroom," Mrs Atkinson said. "They may suffer bullying in the playground, taunts from their peer group. Outside school they may find themselves caught up in the drug culture, which affects schoolchildren everywhere, and may also have severe problems at home with their families."

The early decisions that children must make about their careers and jobs, the competitive workplace and the pressure to succeed, had all conspired to increase anxiety levels, she said. "Teachers and other professionals have begun to recognise that the problems facing children in and out of school have to be

confronted and dealt with," she added.

Pupils' families and teachers will be encouraged to use the counselling service, which is free and will cost the school £16,000 a year. Many other schools had asked if they could use the counsellor's services on a part-time basis, the headmistress said.

The school's plans were announced a week after the *Melody Maker* pop music paper disclosed that it was inundated with letters from depressed teenagers. The letters appear prompted by the loss of Kurt Cobain of the group Nirvana, who shot himself last year, and Richey James of the Manic Street Preachers, who has disappeared. In letters to the paper, many young readers have spoken of their problems with anorexia and depression, self-mutilation or feelings of self-loathing. Editorial staff were so overwhelmed with such letters that they have been putting readers in touch with the Samaritans.

Mrs Atkinson said her school's counselling programme had not been established in response to clinical depression but to deal with the general stress of daily life.

Richard Palfreman, regional secretary for the National Union of Teachers in the North West, said that the union would monitor the success of the scheme. "While there are no hard and fast figures on stress and depression suffered by pupils, the anecdotal evidence I have from members is that it is increasing."

## 'Failing' school wins reprieve

By BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE first state school identified as having failed under the new inspection regime escaped the threat of a takeover by a government team yesterday. Brookside special school in Derby was judged by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) to have made "substantial" progress since a damning inspectors' report 16 months ago.

The verdict came as Conservative backbenchers expressed impatience at the apparent reluctance of Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, to send in "hit squads" to bad schools. Mrs Shephard has yet to use powers under the 1993 Education Act to send teams of experienced head teachers and businessmen into schools judged to be failing their pupils.

Instead, the 38 schools so far identified as inadequate have been left to implement plans drawn up with their local education authority, subject to Ofsted monitoring.

When the legislation came into force 18 months ago, ministers said they would not hesitate to order education associations to take over

some of the worst schools. Eric Forth, the Education Minister, said at the time: "There may be cases where we will say 'we will give you a year' but when a school is a complete shambles that would be almost defeating the purpose of the exercise."

However, Ofsted disclosed last week that department officials are setting a target of two years for most schools to show an improvement.

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# Superbug in danger of winning war with hospital drugs

By Nigel Hawkes  
science editor

A BACTERIUM resistant to all antibiotics could soon emerge in hospital wards, a specialist said yesterday.

The "superbug" of the next few years could be *Staphylococcus aureus*, a meeting of the Society for General Microbiology was told. Hospitals are already under severe pressure from a strain of the bacterium known as MRSA—methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*. About 150 hospitals have reported problems this year, and last year at least 60 people died in West Midlands hospitals after infection with MRSA.

Until now, infections caused by MRSA, such as pneumonia and septicaemia, have been treated with another antibiotic, vancomycin. But Professor Hans Zechner told the meeting at Bath University that some strains had developed resistance to this drug.

Specialists have long dreaded the appearance of a vancomycin-resistant strain,



*Staphylococcus aureus*

which would leave them helpless to treat patients. The fact that such strains had been reported meant, he said, that "it should only be a matter of time before multiple resistance develops".

Some common bacteria contain up to ten genes conferring antibiotic resistance, he said. There are 150 antibiotics but they attack a limited number of sites on bacteria, so that resistance to one means resistance to many.

The massive spread of resistant strains could be prevented if there were new antibiotics reaching different

targets every eight to ten years, but this was not the case, Professor Zechner, of the University of Tübingen, Germany, said. "We are further away from mastering infectious diseases than we were 25 years ago," he said. "Programmes on controlling infections and malaria have been broken off rapidly. Infectious disease wards have been reduced. And the time allotted to infectious diseases in medical training has been reduced to an unacceptable degree."

He called for a more adventurous research policy. This should include re-examining older products and widening the spectrum of antibiotics that had never been used clinically because their activity was believed to be too limited. Genetic engineering should be used to create "hybrid antibiotics". But even if all these things were done, he doubted that doctors could control infections "if we continue to use antibiotics as we have in the past".

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Susan Christie in Belfast city centre recently where she is allowed to do office work before her release

## Parents condemn day-release for daughter's killer

By Nicholas Watt, Ireland correspondent

THE parents of Penny McAllister, who was lured to a forest where her husband's lover cut her throat, have condemned the decision to release Susan Christie, their daughter's killer, on a day-work scheme less than three years after she was convicted.

Desmond and Norma Squire said they felt society had let them down after it was disclosed that Christie, 26, was working five days a week in Belfast as she prepared for her release from prison in September.

Christie, a former Green-finch in the Ulster Defence Regiment, was sentenced at Downpatrick Crown Court in June 1992 to five years' imprisonment. She was convicted of the manslaughter of Penny McAllister on the ground of diminished responsibility. Christie's sentence was later increased to nine years by the Court of Appeal.

She travels every weekday from Maghaberry Prison, Co Down, to an office job in the centre of Belfast. Before she began her job earlier this year

Christie's probation officer took her to a shopping centre in Belfast to buy clothes with an allowance from the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

The Squires said Christie's partial release had revived painful memories. Christie, of Lisburn, Co Antrim, lured Mrs McAllister to a Co Down forest in March 1991 where she cut her throat with a sharpened paring knife after her lover of eight months, Duncan McAllister, a Royal Signals captain, said he would never divorce his wife.

Mr Squire, a former headmaster, said: "Whatever the prison authorities allow Susan Christie to do over there would not surprise us. She has served a period in prison which we think was just not long enough. We have always said the sentence was wrong."

Alan Shannon, chief executive of the Northern Ireland Prison Service, denied that Christie was given preferential treatment. The scheme was designed to ensure that inmates did not offend by helping them to find a job.

## Baby girl's abductor still awaits treatment

JULIE KELLEY, the woman who abducted a newborn baby from a Nottingham hospital last year, has received no psychiatric treatment despite it being a condition of her three-year probationary sentence (Richard Ford writes).

Julie Kelley, 22, who snatched four-hour-old Abbie Humphries from Queen's Medical Centre while dressed as a nurse, has not been treated since being sentenced by Nottingham Crown Court in December because of the birth of her own baby in the new year and a delay in finding a hospital bed. She is due to enter a psychiatric hospital this month for a year's treatment.

Michael Morris, her solicitor, said yesterday that it was made clear when Kelley was sentenced that she would not enter hospital immediately because she was pregnant. It was not stated in court when her treatment should start.

He said administrative difficulties, including the funding of her treatment and the availability of a bed, had added to the delay.

## Camelot criticised on naming of winner

By Andrew Pierce

THE Press Complaints Commission has criticised Camelot, the National Lottery operator, over the identification of the £18 million winner.

The commission today rejected complaints against the newspaper that named him in December but issued guidelines to prevent a repetition. They say the size of the prize alone does not justify naming winners who request no publicity, and condemn rewards for information about a winner and press "harassment".

The commission said the press could not be made a "scapegoat" for the identification of winners regardless of what Camelot and winners did. Problems have arisen from the first test of Camelot's privacy arrangements. "In view of the confusion, the commission has decided not to pressure any particular newspaper," Camelot disclosed the size of the prize lived in, the size of his family, that he worked in a factory, the newspapers he read, and that he had satellite television.

Brookes supreme

## TV chef cooks up a winner

SUSAN BROOKES, who presents daily recipes on Granada Television's *This Morning*, won first prize yesterday in an international contest for television cooks. She beat 41 cooks from 32 countries at the first International Festival of Television and Gastronomy, held in the Montalducci seaside resort of Desenzano.

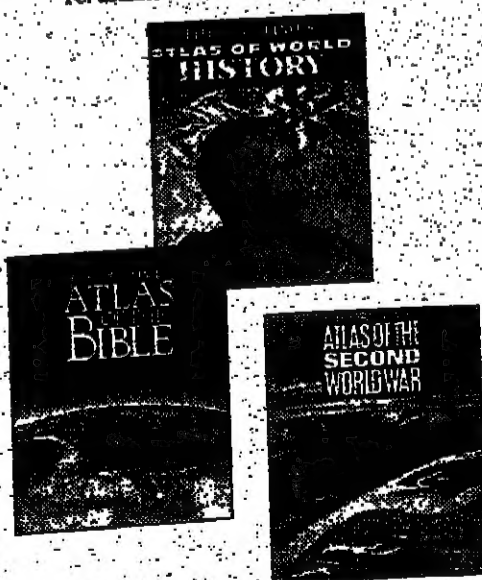
While most rivals presented versions of their national dishes, her prize-winning recipe was for chicken supreme with cider and apples. She used British, not Norman, ingredients.

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## Panorama interview reveals Prime Minister's growing scepticism about single currency

## Britain's independence comes first, says Major

By NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government would reject a single currency if it threatened Britain's standing as an independent nation state. John Major said last night, signalling his deepening scepticism about economic and monetary union.

"If I had to choose... If I thought it would damage the nation state I would choose the nation state. That is the position of the Conservative Party."

"If anything were to damage the nation state, it would not be for this country. We would not do anything that would damage the nation state."

The Prime Minister's comments came in his BBC *Panorama* interview as he was pressed by David Dimbleby to say whether he agreed with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, that a single currency would not lead to political union. Sideshooting the direct question, Mr Major defended his decision to keep open the

option of Britain joining a single currency towards the end of the century. He said that it was impossible to know what the circumstances might be around 1999 — the earliest practical starting date.

The critical question of whether a single currency would destroy Britain as a nation state hinged on what control the country would have over it. "How is the single currency going to be controlled? What is the input of the British Parliament? To what extent is money policy going to be held abroad? There are a whole range of questions. As yet we don't have the answer to those questions, so one can form a judgment on suppositions, but we don't know the answers yet."

"No one has ever said that we can give a guarantee there will never be a single currency... We have said we will look at what is in the British

national interest, if and when the circumstance arises, and we will make a judgment then and, at that stage, we will also consider whether it might be appropriate to have a referendum."

## EXECUTIVE PAY

Mr Major said that people had been against the windfall gains received by the directors of privatised utilities. "Now that's happened — the horse has got out of that particular stable. But I think we need to look at it for the future."

He went on: "It is the business of the shareholders and what I think we will happen at the end of the day is that we will actually look at shareholders' powers. I think that may well be one of the things that comes out of the Greenbury Committee." The bill that the directors had helped themselves out of was the shareholders' bill. It would

not make a halfpenny of difference to the public. He made plain that the Government would learn from what had happened in the utilities as it proceeded with rail privatisation.

## FEEL-GOOD FACTOR

Mr Major said the growth of the last year produced a "feel-good" factor for the 600,000 unemployed who found jobs. "What has not happened yet is that people are not feeling the fruits of growth back in their incomes."

Nothing, he said, would do more good for the "feel-good" factor than Britain beginning to outperform many of its rivals. Putting Britain in a position to compete and win up to the millennium and beyond had some uncomfortable side-effects... The old "feel-good" factor was based on lots more money in people's pockets, often more than was



John Major in his television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby last night

good for the economy, and house prices soaring way above the rate of inflation. "Those things often did create an artificial feel-good factor but it was often the prelude to one hell of a hangover the next day." The next time it would not have that old artificial feeling.

Challenged about his poor

standing in the opinion polls, he said: "I expect to stay here leading the Conservative Party right up to the election and I expect that we will win that election."

He said that the present growth was "not just a casual recovery" and that his economic policies were designed

for the long term. "Now I could have sought from time to time fairly cheap and populist measures. I could have put aside decisions that needed to be taken in order to remain popular. But I chose not to do that."

"If I were popular today, I would not have done what I should have done over the last

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three years. I'll let people judge me at the general election."

Asked about the ministers who have resigned in recent years, Mr Major said: "I know the people concerned. I see a more rounded picture of them than the rather bowdlerised version that so often appeared when they ran into difficulties."

"Now we are not a court of morals. I expect people to have high public standards and I can understand that people are upset by some of the behaviour they saw. That is not typical of politicians. It is not typical of the Conservative Party or Government."

Asked whether any member of the Government who committed adultery should resign, Mr Major said: "I expect members of the Government to behave themselves but I am not making a generalisation."

## American workfare under scrutiny

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A COMMONS investigation of American workfare next week is likely to inflame the debate over prospects for a similar scheme in Britain.

A team of MPs will travel to America next weekend to study the effects of workfare, in which unemployed people have to work for state benefits. Right-wing ministers are keen to adopt the idea.

The visit to New York, Washington and New Jersey by the Commons Employment Select Committee is expected to lead to a showdown between the MPs and Michael Forth, the Employment Secretary, who is a leading supporter of workfare.

However, Labour committee members believe that pilot schemes being considered by Mr Forth and Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, are very different from those run in America. They fear that the planned British version would be a negative system without the job guarantees made in America.

The 11-strong committee, led by Greville Janner, its Labour chairman, will visit schemes in New Jersey and will meet leading welfare experts and politicians in Washington.

Mr Lilley is understood to be keen to extend the trial schemes operated in Norfolk. When he gave evidence to the committee in January, however, he was reluctant to spell out his plans and warned MPs that the costs of a national programme might be prohibitive. Pilot schemes in areas in selected areas of unemployment are another option.

Mr Forth, who is expected to be directly responsible, will be pressed to outline his proposals when he gives evidence to the committee, probably next month.

## MPs told of MoD 'sting' theory

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON FOXLEY, the former Ministry of Defence official convicted of a £1.3 million fraud, was probably involved in a "sting" from which the companies that bribed him received no benefit, MPs were told yesterday.

Foxley was convicted in 1993 on 12 counts of receiving corrupt payments from three companies: Gebroeder Janssens of Germany, Fratelli Borletti of Italy and Ranshof of Norway.

But Dr Malcolm McIntosh, chief of procurement in the MoD, told the Public Accounts Committee that there was no evidence that Foxley had been able to influence contracts in the companies' favour. Foxley was probably involved "in one of the biggest stings we have seen in some time", he said.

As a result of the Foxley case, and 190 other cases of alleged procurement fraud over the past ten years, many MoD officials had been moved to other duties. These included most officials with power and influence over contracts who had held the same job for more than five years.

Dr McIntosh admitted that the Foxley fraud should have been detected earlier. It had been known at an early stage that Foxley was living well beyond the salary of an official at his level, but little suspicion was aroused because his wife was thought to have independent means.

MoD officials were still pursuing the case but had been unable to gain access to some of the Swiss bank accounts that Foxley used. Dr McIntosh said that the true extent of the fraud might never be known.

## Ministers praised for pools boost

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government's belated decision to cut pools betting duty was welcomed in the Commons last night as a critical boost for an industry hit badly by the National Lottery.

From next month pools companies will have their tax cut from 37.5 per cent to 32.5 per cent — worth about £30 million in 1995-96. The changes have been made in the Finance Bill, which enacts last November's Budget.

David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster General, said that he had been lobbied extensively by the pools companies, which were floundering because of the new competition. The cuts would enable them to continue contributing to the Football Trust, which supports improvements

to grounds, and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

Hilary Armstrong (Lab, Durham North West) warned ministers that the pools companies might come under threat again. "I hope that the Government will keep a very close eye on this. The British public will be horrified if the lottery company makes such excessive profits while charities are seen to be falling because of the activities of the lottery."

Lady Olga Maitland (C, Sutton and Cheam) said that giving the money back to the pools companies was like throwing a lifebelt to a drowning man. "This move has now given them a chance to regroup, replan and hopefully move into more fortunate times."

## IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to transport ministers; the Public Accounts Committee, the Commons Commission and the Finance Bill, report stage. In the Lords: debate on the Jobseekers Bill.

TODAY in the Commons: questions to employment ministers and the Prime Minister, with Tony Newton, leader of the House, answering for John Major. Debates on the Finance Bill, retaining stages, and the Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula Regulations. In the Lords: debate on Mental Health (Patients in the Community) Bill.

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# Secret KGB letters 'solve' the riddle of Hitler's bones

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE riddle of Hitler's bones, for years the source of morbid fascination, appears to have been solved by the discovery of secret correspondence between Yuri Andropov, the late KGB chief, and Leonid Brezhnev.

According to *Der Spiegel*, the remains of Hitler, his mistress Eva Braun, his propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels and the Goebbels family, were taken from the Nazi leadership's Berlin bunker and buried in Magdeburg. In the spring of 1970, Andropov, apparently afraid that the bones might one day be an object of neo-Nazi pilgrimage, ordered that the old ammunition boxes containing the remains be taken to a Soviet tank and artillery training ground. There they were buried.

The reason for the move was that the original burial place was about to be handed over to the East Germans. Andropov's handwritten notes suggest that the KGB chairman (and later Soviet leader) was deeply nervous about Germany. Ostpolitik and the new intimacy between East and West German leaders.

Willy Brandt, then Chancellor of West Germany, had recently visited Erfurt and was greeted by cheers and loud applause from East Germans. Restless Germans and the sudden discovery of Hitler's body could have added up to an unpredictable mixture in the view of Andropov and of Vladimir Kryuchkov, his head of Cabinet who was later to emerge as one of the plotters against Mikhail Gorbachev.

Brezhnev agreed that Hitler's body should be destroyed. In the middle of the night of April 4, 1970, Soviet soldiers erected a tent over the unmarked grave and five KGB officers dug up the boxes. The five decaying improvised coffins were driven away and burnt. The *Der Spiegel* story is well-supported by documents and by the evidence of Mr Kryuchkov, who is now a pensioner living in Moscow.

There was always a hint of mystery about Hitler's last resting-place, if only because it was clear that Stalin did not quite believe in the death of the Nazi leader. The Russians had liberated the Berlin bunker and had captured the most useful witnesses, including Johann Rattenhuver, Hitler's

bodyguard. SS adjutant Otto Günsche, Hans Baur, his pilot, and Katarina Heusermann, a dental assistant.

In an effort to give Stalin a definitive verdict on Hitler's death, they were interrogated for almost a year. James O'Donnell, author of *The Berlin Bunker*, witnessed the return to Berlin of these and other witnesses in the summer of 1946. By Stalin's order all the members of the Hitler entourage in Soviet captivity were forced to re-enact the last hours of Hitler's life. The performance was filmed.

Later all the German captives were flown back to the Soviet Union and sent to different labour camps. The Western allies also had witnesses from the last days in the bunker, but their story, although convincingly pieced together by Hugh Trevor-Roper, was incomplete. *Der Spiegel* says it has found the last piece of the jigsaw.

Half a century on, German neo-Nazis are planning to disrupt the fiftieth anniversary commemoration of the end of the Second World War and have called on all right-wing extremists to launch a "civil war" on foreign and Jewish



A Russian sign barring entry to the former Soviet camp in Magdeburg where Hitler's remains are said to have been buried before their final destruction.

citizens living in Germany. The appeal, several hundred copies of which have been distributed in the post, came days after a crackdown on about 80 flats throughout the country. Many rifles and pistols and much Nazi propaganda material was seized. A follow-up police operation in the eastern German state of Thuringia was regarded as a warning to neo-Nazis not to protest against the impending anniversary of the liberation of Buchenwald concentration

camp, near Weimar. Gary Lauck, an American neo-Nazi propagandist, was arrested in Denmark two weeks ago and a decision is expected tomorrow as to whether he can be extradited to Germany.

The neo-Nazi problems reflect a deeper difficulty: whether Germans should celebrate the end of the war as a liberation from Nazi rule or as a national defeat. The standard view is that May 8 was a liberation. But more than 200 leading conservatives have

signed an open letter saying that the end of the war was a time of great suffering for Germany because of the 11 million ethnic Germans forced out of the East.

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## Le Pen emerges as wild card in French presidential race

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE FRENCH presidential campaign has offered a big dose of the unexpected, with three front-runners succeeding to the favour of the crown since last autumn. A further surprise has now emerged further down the field: the revival of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the veteran candidate of the far right and leader of the National Front party.

Dismissed until lately as a ghost from an ugly past, M Le Pen is harvesting support for his anti-foreigner platform that could take him over the 14.5 per cent which he earned in his second round in the presidency in 1988. "This time we could even break through to 20 per cent," an optimistic M Le Pen told *The Times* as he consented to be questioned by a British newspaper on French television. With his famous mix of blue-eyed charm and physical menace, M Le Pen noted that foreign correspondents would be exempted from his plan to pitch three million non-French out of the country in the interests of preserving Gallic jobs and racial purity.

At 66 and after four decades on the unsavoury side of French politics, the pugna M Le Pen is revelling in his status as a candidate with clout whose favour will count especially in the event of a showdown in the second round run-off between the duelling Gaullists Jacques Chirac and Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister. For the moment, however, M Le Pen will have none of either, nor of Lionel Jospin, the Socialist, as he tours the country railing at the establishment clique which he says is leading France to destruction from abroad and from within through corruption and the spread of AIDS. "This

is just a contest between a bunch of *Enarques*," said M Le Pen, referring to the first French race monopolised by graduates of the Ecole Nationale de l'Administration, the nursery of the technocrat elite. "They all hail from the bureaucracy they spend their time denouncing while France is going to the dogs."

M Le Pen, whose party scored 11 per cent in the European elections last year after peaking in the mid-1980s, owes his new wind to a coincidence of factors. He is benefiting from disillusion-

ment with all the mainstream candidates and anxiety among shopkeepers, artisans and the unemployed young in the face of France's social crisis. He has been helped by the exclusion of Bernard Tapie, the populist tycoon, now bankrupt, who appeals to a similar public, especially in the south. He is also being helped by new rules which force the television networks that long ostracised him, to give him air time in proportion to his support.

Also helping him is a mellowing of the public persona. No longer the fire-breath-

ing provocateur surrounded by bully-boys, M Le Pen, a former paratrooper officer, has polished his powerful orator's skills, casting himself as a common man who voices ideas that are normally only heard in the corner bistro. "At least I have lived a real life," he said, referring to his origins as the son of a Breton trawlerman killed in the war. "The others say they have suffered when they have spent the day on the ski slopes and done without lunch."

If M Le Pen has failed to shed his sulphurous image and win the respectability accorded in Italy to Gianfranco Fini and his National Alliance, it is because his message still remains one of raw xenophobia. Preaching a nostalgic gospel with echoes of the anti-Semitism of the 1930s, he blames foreigners for taking French jobs and for crime, AIDS and drug abuse. He promises to expel three million immigrants and instate a "national preference" which will give employment to those of French blood. "The subject is taboo for the other candidates," he tells cheering crowds. "It's politically incorrect so they rush ahead into a vague idea of Europe and the wiping out of France without knowing what is going to replace it."

M Le Pen's efforts to rival the front-runners have been dented by his reaction to the shooting of a schoolboy from the Comoros islands by National Front campaign workers near Marseilles. Refusing to condemn their act on Sunday, he told a crowd of 4,000 at Aix-en-Provence that at least it had alerted France to the fact that there were 125,000 Comorans now in the country.

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Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, is welcomed to an "overseas festival" in Paris

## Italian doctors ban 'granny-mum' births

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN doctors who enable post-menopausal women to undergo artificial pregnancies may be struck off under a new code of ethics introduced by Italy's Order of Doctors yesterday in a response to the Pope's latest encyclical.

The code also bans rent-a-womb births, artificial procreation for lesbians and insemination with sperm from a dead donor. The Italian Catholic Bishops' Conference

said yesterday that it was pleased with the decision taken by the national council of the Order of Doctors meeting in Florence. It came after the publication by the Vatican last week of the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life) in which the Pope said mankind was in the middle of a dramatic clash between "the culture of death and the culture of life" and reiterated Church teaching against genetic engineering and test-tube babies. The move, which was welcomed

by politicians across the spectrum, outraged Severino Antinori, the Italian doctor who has pioneered techniques of artificially induced pregnancy for elderly women, including some who have come from Britain to benefit from Italy's legislative vacuum on many controversial bio-ethical issues.

Dr Antinori said, "I will go forward all the same. This is a Nazi-Maoist ethic."

Under the decision Italian doctors will face disciplinary measures, ultimately includ-

ing being struck off, if they participate in "practices of assisted fertilisation for women in non-precocious menopause".

The age of 50 is set as an average limit to artificial pregnancies of this kind, to avoid creating more *mammone* (granny-mums) such as Liliana Cantadori, who became the first woman in Italy to give birth at 61. Last year a 63-year-old woman treated by Dr Antinori, Rosanna Della Corte, gave birth to a son, Riccardo.



Seles, knifed in the back during match

## Seles fails to get her assailant jailed

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MONICA SELES, the tennis player, failed yesterday in her attempt to have Gábor Parhe jailed for stabbing her two years ago when an appeal court upheld a two-year suspended prison sentence.

The assailant remains free after District Judge Gertraud Göering in Hamburg upheld the sentence passed in October 1993 on Parhe, unemployed, who knifed Miss Seles in the back during a tennis tournament so that his idol, the German tennis player Steffi Graf, could be No 1 in the world. Miss Seles, 21, who was not in court, has not played professional tennis since then. "I am as surprised as everyone else, and I just don't understand this," she said after yesterday's verdict. She and the prosecutors had appealed against Parhe's conviction on a charge of serious bodily injury, asking for a conviction of attempted manslaughter, and a prison term.

Police officers and psychiatrists said that, aside from his fixation on Miss Graf and Miss Seles, Parhe was harmless. Rolf Rosenkranz, the prosecutor, had acknowledged that he was not previously aggressive. But Herr Rosenkranz said that Parhe, 40, should be imprisoned because he had carefully planned the attack, because it was carried out in public, and was in part based on political prejudice.

Parhe had spoken of his dislike of Serbs and claimed he only wanted to hurt his victim. Miss Seles, an ethnic Hungarian, was born in the Serbian area of Yugoslavia and is now an American citizen.

## UN officer wounded in Serb attack on 'safe area'

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

SERB troops fired shells into the Bihac "safe area" for the fourth consecutive day yesterday, wounding a United Nations officer and testing the strategy of the new peacekeeping commander.

Five shells landed in the city centre yesterday morning and shrapnel hit an unarmed Dutch officer in the head, wounding him slightly.

The area was hit repeatedly during the weekend and three other "safe areas" have come under Serb heavy weapons' fire in the past two weeks.

UN officials believe the incidents are part of a deliberate plan to step up pressure on the peacekeepers and Lieutenant-General Rupert Smith, the commander in Bosnia-Herzegovina, who assumed the post at the end of January.

General Smith has responded by repeatedly calling for a meeting with General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb army commander, but for

nearly three weeks his aides have said he is too busy to meet his UN counterpart.

UN spokesmen suggested that Sunday's attack on the Bihac "safe area" was justified because the shells fell near a police station, and could therefore be considered part of the combat in the area.

Ten days ago, shelling of the Gorazde "safe area" wounded sixteen civilians and killed one. Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader, had said the town was attacked in response to Bosnian Army offensives elsewhere. An internal UN report justified the organisation's lack of response to that incident by saying that the Serbs had been aiming for a barracks.

A Nato ultimatum, issued nearly one year ago, threatens the Serbs with air raids if they bring heavy weapons inside a 12-mile zone around Gorazde or fire on the town. UN commanders believe, how-

ever, that enforcing the ultimatum and Security Council resolutions would prompt Serb retaliation against peacekeepers. The result is a mission increasingly paralysed by Serb provocation. A UN official said it was unlikely that attacks on the "safe areas" would be met by force. However, on Sunday British UN patrols in Gorazde had two fierce exchanges of machine-gun fire with Serb troops, after they were attacked.

Three Serbian Serb soldiers have held two Swiss journalists and a German aid worker in two separate incidents outside Sarajevo, the UN said yesterday. The journalists were abducted from a UN vehicle and the German was taken while making a wrong turn. "The Serbs have been holding five French aid workers for more than a month, after they were arrested at the same checkpoint."

## Russians develop torpedo propelled by rocket power

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Russians are developing a rocket-powered torpedo, codenamed Shkval (or squall), which can travel underwater at 200 knots (226mph), surrounded by a vacuum bag.

Design work for this new concept in underwater missile technology is being carried out at the Moscow Serbo Ordzhonikidze Aviation Institute, according to *Jane's Intelligence Review* in a newsletter to be published this month.

Under the normal laws of hydrodynamics, it would be virtually impossible to achieve such velocity because of the drag of the seawater, Robert Hall, editor of the *Jane's* newsletter, said yesterday. He said, however, that the hydro-aerospace systems department of the institute in Moscow appeared to have overcome the problem by eliminating the torpedo's "physical contact with the water".

A member of the institute has described the new weapon as an "underwater missile which in motion is in a so-called vacuum bag that is underwater but not in the water". Mr Hall said it was possible that the vacuum bag

might be a low-pressure gas envelope. "One method might be to eject streams of high-speed bubbles from the head of the torpedo, although this would require a large pressurised gas cylinder within the torpedo," he said. The West's latest models can go no faster than 60 knots.

The Shkval torpedo was mentioned in the latest edition of *Military Parade*, a defence procurement brochure. There was also a reference to Moscow television last June to an underwater missile that could travel at up to "100 metres a second".

Richard Sharpe, editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships*, doubted whether the torpedo would become operational. He said it would go through the water "like a banshee", making so much noise that it would be relatively easy for a targeted ship to take evasive action.

The Russians have developed a torpedo that guides itself by homing in on the wake of a surface warship. It approaches its target by zig-zagging across the sea. That torpedo is in service and is believed to have been sold to the Iranians.

## Backing for EU over whisky tax

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

MICHAEL HESLITINE, the President of the Board of Trade, yesterday came out in support of the European Commission in its attempt to launch action against Japan over discriminatory taxes on Scotch whisky and other spirits. Whisky and brandy continue to be taxed between four and six times more heavily than Shochu.

Sir Leon Brian, the Trade Commissioner, announced that the Commission will start a procedure under which Japan may be dragged in front of the new World Trade Organisation.

Its predecessor organisation, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, had already ruled in 1987 that Japan should not discriminate between spirits made in Japan and abroad, but Japan has so far not fully complied with the ruling, according to the EU.

Mr Hesliline, on a rare visit to Brussels, said he was "pleased" that the Commission has finally decided to act.

## Farmer's field-day on Falklands is historic mission

A DEER farmer, a property developer, a hairdresser and a hypnotist are among more than 200 part-time soldiers currently responsible for guarding the Falkland Islands (Michael Evans writes).

Eight-thousand miles away from their normal jobs, the 214 members of a Territorial Army infantry company group have completed the first month of an historic four-month mission. It is the first fully operational deployment

of a TA company. Under the command of Major Adrian Walton, a deer farmer in civilian life, the TA soldiers are responsible for providing the ground defence of the South Atlantic islands against a repeat invasion by Argentina.

Although the Falklands garrison includes soldiers from the regular Army, they have other roles such as mine clearance, signals, transport and logistics. It is the first time that the TA,

and not a regular infantry company, has been put in charge of guarding the Falkland Islands.

Major Walton said yesterday that the presence of the Territorials in the Falklands did not mean Britain was "downplaying" the role of the military in the South Atlantic. He said: "It is important that the islanders don't see it as a down-valuing. This releases other troops for tasks like Bosnia. This is a particularly arduous posting. It is

not money for old rope." The part-time soldiers, recruited mainly from TA units in the northwest of England, the Midlands and Wales, go out on regular patrols and live at the formidable Mount Pleasant garrison about 30 miles from Port Stanley, the capital. They arrived last month, and their presence in the Falklands is part of the Ministry of Defence's plan to give Britain's reserve forces an expanded role.

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# Russia rejects US plea to abandon Iran nuclear deal

By MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THIS Russian Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, last night dismissed an appeal by William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, to cancel a planned sale of nuclear reactors to Iran.

The Russian Government did not agree to change their position to proceed with that sale, Mr Perry said in Moscow after talks with Mr Chernomyrdin. He said Russia had acknowledged his concern that Tehran might use spent reactor fuel and technology from the \$1 billion (€617 million) sale to develop nuclear arms, and said he disagreed with Mr Chernomyrdin that tight controls could prevent that.

"I told him I did not share that confidence," Mr Perry said, adding that American and Russian officials would continue discussions in the next few weeks, including proposals for safeguards on spent fuel that can be enriched for nuclear arms.

The rebuff to Mr Perry came after the Clinton Administration had taken the rare step of sharing sensitive intelligence with Moscow as part of its increasingly urgent efforts to dissuade Russia

from building nuclear reactors for the Iranians. Intelligence reports detail concerted Iranian attempts to buy enriched uranium from former Soviet republics such as Kazakhstan, and vital nuclear components from Germany and other European nations. The New York Times reported yesterday.

The Administration insists that Iran has no need for the reactors given its wealth of fossil fuels, and says it is really after expertise, technology and fissionable material to accelerate its nuclear weapons programme. Washington estimates that Iran will have an atomic bomb within five to ten years.

As a further inducement to Moscow, the United States is reportedly offering the Ministry of Atomic Energy tens of millions of dollars to help it to clean up old nuclear sites and build modern reactors in Russia. This would provide work to compensate for the loss of the Iranian contract. Washington is also considering whether Russia could help to build the two new reactors worth \$4 billion that an American-led consortium is planning to give North Korea. The

proposed Iranian contract has become an irritant in American-Russian relations, with congressmen threatening to end all aid if Moscow does not relent. President Clinton will take up the issue with President Yeltsin at their Moscow summit next month.

On Sunday Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, pointed to Iran's proximity to Russia and warned Moscow that it would "lose the day it co-operated with the terrorist state of Iran if Iran builds nuclear weapons with Russian expertise and Russian equipment".

Mr Chernomyrdin's rejection was a bitter pill for Mr Perry and came as Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, announced that Moscow might resort to "counter-measures", including refusal to abide by the 1990 treaty on conventional forces in Europe, if Nato expanded into former Soviet bloc states.

Vladimir Shumeiko, the chairman of the upper house of Russia's parliament, was reported to have told Mr Perry that parliament was unlikely to ratify the Start II strategic arms reduction treaty quickly because of friction with Nato.

## 'Presidential' Gingrich will toast Republican successes

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THE House of Representatives completes the Contract with America this week, and Republicans and Democrats are already embarking on a propaganda war over whether the first 100 days of Republican rule have been a triumph or disaster.

Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, has struck the first blow. He announced that he would address the nation on Friday, and both CBS and CNN have agreed to broadcast his speech live. Only presidents are normally accorded such a privilege.

Mr Gingrich hopes to borrow a team of elephants, the Republican symbol, from a visiting Ringling Brothers circus to parade around the Capitol. After weeks of self-imposed purdah he is reappearing on chat shows and giving unrepentant interviews to the "liberal media elite" he professes to despise. Republican congressmen are to stage a rally on the Capitol Hill steps where they signed the Contract last September, and

they will then fan out across the country at Easter to boast of their accomplishments.

Al Gore, the Vice-President, kicked off the Democratic counter-attack last night with a speech to the National Press Club. Trade unions, feminists, environmentalists and a host of other pressure groups who feel threatened by the Republicans will join in this week with multimillion-dollar television advertising campaigns.

The battle lines are obvious.

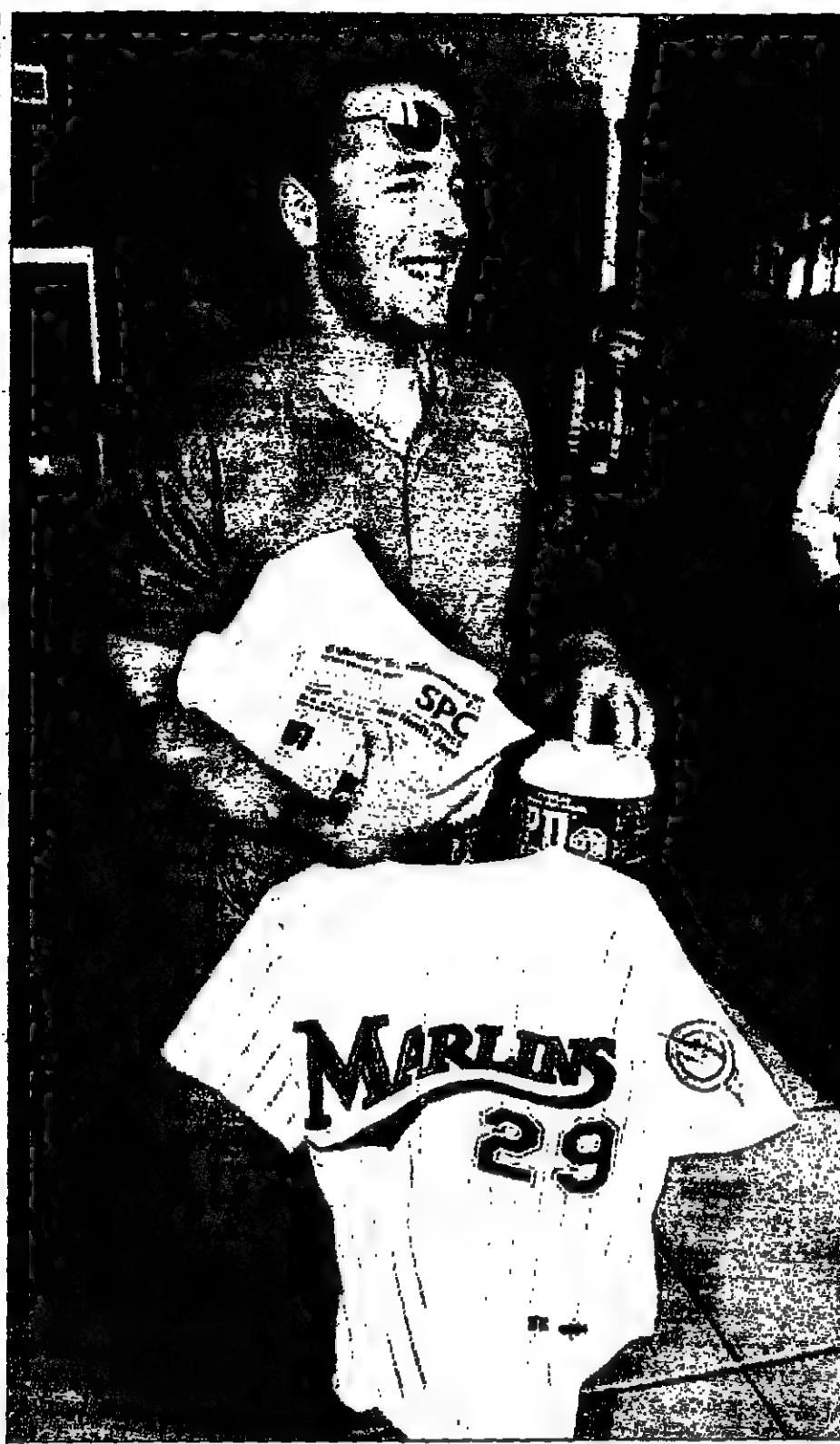


Gingrich wants to use elephants for celebration

The Republicans will claim dramatic progress towards cutting government, returning power to the states and reforming welfare. The Democrats will paint the Republicans as mean-spirited extremists determined to slash everything from pensions to school lunches to provide tax breaks for the rich.

The outcome is critical. The real challenge for Mr Gingrich and his colleagues comes next month when they begin the painful task of cutting \$1,200 billion (£750 billion) in public spending over the next seven years to balance the budget. Mr Gingrich calls it a task "so large, so comprehensive and so daring nobody is going to say this is business as usual", and it will be impossible unless the Republicans can win public support.

Polls show the public ambivalent about the Republicans' first 100 days. How much of the Contract will be implemented remains unclear. Of the eight bills passed by the House, the Senate has so far approved just three.



A Florida Marlins replacement, brought in because of the strike, leaves the team stadium

## Baseball season is saved but loyalty of fans falters

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN baseball has returned from the dead after the longest, most expensive and ugliest strike in the history of professional sport.

On Sunday Major League Baseball Owners accepted the players' offer to return to work after a strike lasting 234 days and announced that the season would start 24 days late, on April 26. The strike has cost an estimated \$800 million (£490 million), but the expense in terms of damaged public enthusiasm for America's national pastime is incalculable.

Players such as Bobby Bonilla, of the New York Mets, who earned an estimated

\$6.3 million before the strike, can begin restoring their fortunes, as can the baseball owners, but rebuilding the confidence of millions of enraged fans will take far longer.

The strike, which began on August 12, wiped out the baseball World Series for the first time in 90 years, while fans watched in disbelief and increasing fury the unappealing spectacle of "a few hundred folks trying to figure out how to divide nearly \$2 billion", in the words of President Clinton.

For fans already angered by high ticket prices and the multimillion-dollar salaries

doled out to baseball stars, the greed shown by both sides during the strike was the last straw.

The strike ended when the owners accepted an offer by the players' union to go back to work without a collective bargaining agreement, leaving open the possibility of another strike later in the season if the owners try to impose a salary cap once again. The fragile truce rests largely on wishful thinking. "I think there is an unwritten commitment by both sides that the 1995 season will be played uninterrupted," Peter Angelos, majority owner of the Baltimore Orioles, said.

## Villagers caught in terror cycle of Kurdish conflict

□ Ann Clwyd, MP, who was dismissed by Tony Blair yesterday after her unauthorised trip to Turkey and northern Iraq as one of Labour's foreign affairs team, describes what she saw of conditions for civilians trapped in the area of conflict

THE village men carried out the dead bodies wrapped in blankets. They unrolled them gently for us to see. One child had an arm crooked as though trying to protect her face. There was blood everywhere. The oldest must have been about 17, the youngest about seven.

The whole family had been asleep in the village of Gorum when terrorists smashed a window and lobbed through a hand grenade. The three girls were killed instantly, the baby's cradle smashed.

Outside all was apparently normal: a cockerel perched on a dung heap and hens pecked away in the sun. But the whole village, high in the rugged mountains on the Turkish side of the border, was in a state of shock. It was the inhabitants said, the second attack by the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) on the village in a few days. They demanded better protection from the Turkish Army.

A mile up the road there were hundreds of Turkish soldiers and tanks. We were the only international observers allowed to cross the border at the beginning of the week, at the invitation of Erdal Inonu, the new Social Democrat Foreign Minister.

Part of the problem here is that Turkey's own policies towards its Kurdish minority have created a Kurdish terrorist threat. No one could support the terrorist atrocities, but Turkey has denied basic human rights to moderate Kurds in Turkey, and this in turn has created a breeding ground for Kurdish terrorists. Turkey has lost patience with PKK attacks from inside northern Iraq, and two weeks ago Ankara sent 35,000 troops backed by jets, trucks and artillery to clear a 25-mile strip along the border.

We met one of the captured PKK soldiers at Siliopi camp. He was brought to us blindfolded, his arm in a sling. He was a very young man, and very nervous. He told us that he had come from Syria to fight. "All Kurds are our brothers," he whispered.

We spent an afternoon with Turkish soldiers in terrain that reminded me of Snowdonia. The battalion commander showed us a huge cave in the rocks which, we were told, had previously housed dozens of guerrillas. The military also showed us weapons captured from the PKK. Many Kurds inside north-

ern Iraq have a quite different focus of concern: Baghdad. We crossed the border for a journey deep inside northern Iraq, where the two main Iraqi Kurdish parties, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) and the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP), distance themselves completely from the separatist guerrillas, whom they liken to the Shining Path in Peru.

At the headquarters of Massoud Barzani, the leader of the KDP in Salihuddin, the message to the Turks was clear: "We want you to finish the invasion quickly and return home". Unfortunately, the Kurds are far from united, even though they have a common enemy in President Saddam Hussein. When I asked Mr Barzani about continuing fighting between his own party and that of the



PUK, he said he was "ashamed" of it. Later that night, under an armed escort provided by the KDP, we tried to reach the headquarters of the PUK, at Erbil. We never reached it. We were forced back by a bombardment coming from Iraq, aimed at Erbil. We telephoned the man we were going to meet, Ahmed Chalabi, on a crackly car phone. He reported that people were fleeing from their villages. "We need help. Please tell the world we need help."

The lesson is that while Western sympathy naturally goes to the Kurds facing Saddam's aggression in northern Iraq, the problems of the Kurds inside Turkey must be addressed so that the causes of Kurdish terrorism against Ankara are eradicated.

□ Bonn: Germany sharply criticised Turkey for its invasion of northern Iraq. "We don't want to use threats," said Klaus Kinkel, Foreign Minister, after talks with Mr Inonu. "But of course there are levers available."

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## Gangsters 'threaten stability in China'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKEY IN HONG KONG

ORGANISED crime is threatening China's stability, as Peking's contacts with the rest of the world spread, according to a member of Italy's anti-Mafia parliamentary commission.

Speaking in Peking yesterday, Pino Arlacchi said that conditions for an indigenous mafia were in place. He emphasised that when Hong Kong rejoins China in 1997 the links between the colony's secret societies, the Triads, and their counterparts in China will become even stronger. The Hong Kong gangs are believed to have about 100,000 members.

"To fight Triads, which are the most dangerous form of Chinese organised crime, is difficult," he said, "because of the kind of natural secrecy."

Organised crime is so serious that national newspapers regularly write about it, it is a matter of concern to the country's senior leaders, and a book on the subject was published by two Shanghai specialists last September. Su Zhiliang and Chen Lizi re-

ferred to the network as "the cancer of the cities" and compared "these evil forces" to the Shanghai underworld before the 1949 Communist takeover. The China Youth Daily newspaper said smuggling includes gold, cultural relics, firearms and cars - often stolen to order as far away as the United States.



Arlacchi: worried by influence of Triads

## Message in a bottle crosses the Atlantic

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN TRINTON, NEW JERSEY

SEVEN months ago, a group of schoolchildren lamenting the end of their summer holidays put notes with greetings and their names and addresses into a plastic bottle and threw it into the Atlantic at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

They returned home to New Jersey to start a new school year and forgot about the bottle. However, it was carried by the Gulf Stream towards Europe - and was found by Marek Gurin, 11, at de Houst, off the coast of northwest France.

Last month, Jackie Borzo, 14, received a postcard in French from Marc and when her grandmother translated it, she remembered Cape Hatteras. "It's amazing," she said. "I was totally shocked."

Breck Owens of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts, said that Cape Hatteras is one of the few places where the 4,000-mile Gulf Stream current comes within a few yards of the coast.

## Japanese hint at Hollywood sale

FROM GILES WHITTRELL IN LOS ANGELES

A LONG-RUNNING battle for control of one of Hollywood's oldest studios appeared to be near resolution yesterday with an acknowledged agreement from Matsushita, the Japanese electronics giant, that it was considering selling part of MCA/Universal.

At the same time, published reports disclosed that Sagarm, the Canadian soft drinks company, is planning

to sell a \$10 billion (£6.5 billion) stake in Du Pont, possibly with a view to acquiring a studio.

The latest shift in Japan's short but hugely expensive relationship with Hollywood was heralded when a meeting scheduled for yesterday between Sydney Scheinberg, MCA's president, and executives from the studio's parent company was abruptly can-

celled last week. Mr Scheinberg and Lew Wasserman, the MCA chairman, have chafed under Japanese control since Matsushita bought the studio five years ago. Both men have complained publicly of stringent financial controls and have let it be known that they intend to leave the company when their contracts expire at the end of the year.

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# A Great Black & White Advertisement

**Last night, Britain's advertising 'Oscars', the National Newspaper Campaign Advertising Awards took place. The award for best black & white newspaper advertisement of the year was won by Saatchi & Saatchi's 'Junk Mail', part of an anti-racism campaign run by the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE). The campaign is called 'Uniting Britain - For a Just Society'. Its aim is to change people's attitudes and make racial discrimination socially unacceptable in Britain.**

**The winning advertisement and two more from the campaign appear below. And Maurice Saatchi Chairman of the judges explains why the panel of national newspaper editors, creative directors and advertisers picked 'Junk Mail' as Britain's best newspaper advertisement. You can support the CRE campaign by calling them on 0171 828 7022.**

# THERE ARE LOTS OF PLACES IN BRITAIN WHERE RACISM DOESN'T EXIST.

is so many ways Britain is a racist country. In 1983 alone the police recorded over 9,000 incidents of racial harassment, abuse, assault, arson and murder. Thousands more incidents go unreported. As many as 120,000 a year, according to the Home Office. Worrryingly, even this is still only half the problem.

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used to spread racism is not the same  
as the innocent and lovely photos of babies.

The child in the picture is innocent  
and lovely. He is not a racist. He is not  
a member of any racist group. He is not  
a member of any racist group.

Defence against the racist propaganda  
which has been used to spread racism  
is to show that the child is innocent  
and lovely.

Defence against the racist propaganda  
which has been used to spread racism  
is to show that the child is innocent  
and lovely.

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ways in which a racist is different from  
a non-racist. One of the most important  
is the matter of beliefs.

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they are better than other people.

But the non-racist people believe that  
all people are equal and that they are  
not better than other people.

They believe that all people are  
equal and that they are not better  
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**MAURICE SAATCHI**  
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**R**acism is one of the most difficult subjects for advertising to deal with. Strong prejudices are held, and attitudes are deeply ingrained. It is an enormous tribute to the people at Saatchi & Saatchi who created the campaign, that they were able to tackle racism in a direct and powerful way, but without lecturing or patronising the audience.

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The toughest challenge is to fight racism where it is most deeply fixed, in our own hearts and minds. Changing attitudes is the most difficult part of the process, and it is the part where advertising can have the most powerful influence. The judges of these awards hope that the campaign from the CRE will be another step forward.

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**Gaza blast  
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# Aid workers caught in crossfire of Burundi's ethnic conflict

TUTSI extremists in Burundi's coalition Government are manipulating international relief efforts to obtain food for radical militias while perpetuating tribal conflicts which could lead to ethnic bloodletting, aid workers and diplomats said in Bujumbura yesterday.

Led by Antoine Nduwayo, the Prime Minister, the Tutsi extremists have blocked attempts by the United Nations World Food Programme to encourage 200,000 Tutsis living in displaced people's camps under the armed guard of the Tutsi-dominated army, to return to their farms. The UN has provided them with food, seeds and tools, but few have been able to go home.

Acts of intimidation against international aid workers include grenade attacks on a Care employee's car over the weekend, the throwing of a grenade at the Médecins Sans Frontières offices in Kinyinda, World Food Programme staff being held hostage and food trucks being

■ The United Nations is trying to encourage displaced Tutsis to return home, against the wishes of Burundi's Prime Minister and tribal extremists. As a result, relief agencies are the target of hostility, writes Sam Kiley in Bujumbura

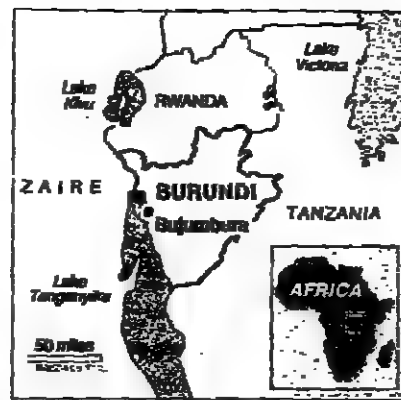
hijacked and diverted from Rwandan refugees to Tutsis. Death threats are still almost daily, the WFP director said.

Since up to 100,000 Burundi, many of them Tutsis, were slaughtered in ethnic clashes which followed the murder of Burundi's first democratically elected President, a Hutu, in October 1993, many rural Tutsis have lived in displaced camps fearing to return to their farms.

There remain some in certain areas where going home is too risky, and we know where they are. But the vast majority are simply living off free

handouts and being brainwashed by tribal extremists into a state of paranoia, or into joining the Tutsi militia," Mr Lodesani said yesterday.

According to a report by the United States Agency for International Development, titled *The Burundi Surreality*, the manipulation of relief operations through threats on both humanitarian workers and Tutsis has enabled extremist politicians to foment tribal hatreds and ignore the business of government. The humanitarian community has been used as an involuntary wedge between Burundi's population, which is 85 per cent Hutu and



15 per cent Tutsi. "While politicians discuss their future and jockey for political advantage, potentially explosive issues (such as the reintegration or resettlement of the internally displaced Tutsis) remain unaddressed by the central Government," the report said. Ex-

tremist Hutus have been unable to gain a foothold in the Government since Leonard Ntaryagoma, the former Interior Minister, fled to exile in Zaire last year. His Force for the Defence of Democracy and its armed wing, the *Intagwekas* (those who never sleep) have mounted a number of attacks in some areas and have received arms from Rwanda's Hutu diaspora in Tanzania and Zaire.

One Western ambassador said: "The Tutsi extremists insist on driving the two ethnic groups further apart and blocking any chance of a reconciliation. Yet they should realise that they cannot survive like this. They are outnumbered, and sooner or later they will be outgunned."

"They have been corrupted by so many years of unchallenged power. [Burundi] was under a Tutsi military dictatorship between independence in 1963 and the 1993 elections. They simply cannot see any way of making money other than grabbing the reins of government. But the

Hutus have now had a taste of power, they know they outnumber the others, they have access to arms, and they are getting nastier by the day."

Donors are unlikely to continue funding the relief effort in Burundi until they see efforts at reconciliation working at government level — in particular, because only two provinces in Burundi are short of food, and the country expects bumper harvests as well as coffee and tea exports.

Another Western diplomat noted: "The time is fast approaching when we will simply give up on this country."

Massacre uncovered: Burundi troops and Tutsi gunmen massacred an estimated 400 Hutus, mainly women and children, in northeast Burundi last week, diplomats and aid workers said yesterday. One envoy said: "There is no question, this is genocide." Robert Krueger, the US Ambassador, said the vast majority of those killed, in the Gasore area, were women and children. (Reuters)

## Bahrain's Emir in peace talks after riots and sabotage

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

FOR the first time since unrest began to rock the Gulf state of Bahrain last December, the ruling Emir has held high-level talks in an attempt to restore calm before an international economic conference, to be held next week, at which Baroness Thatcher is due to be the keynote speaker.

Opposition and official sources said yesterday that the talks had taken place between the Emir, Sheikh Isa bin Salman al-Khalifa, and prominent Bahrainis, but gave different accounts.

The violence was sparked by the arrest of a leading Shia Muslim cleric after a petition was circulated to reinstate the parliament closed by the Emir 20 years ago. The authorities say that protest is being orchestrated from Iran in order to destabilise the nation.

According to the official GNA news agency, the Emir met the Emir on Sunday to express their "concern at the violence and sabotage against public and private property". The agency said they had promised to make every effort to restore calm under the Emir's "wise leadership".

In a contrasting account, however, members of the exiled Bahrain Freedom Movement, one of two main opposition groups, said that "about 20 leading Shia Muslims were summoned by the Emir to ask them to end the unrest". The opposition said that disturbances have left at least 12 people dead in the past four months, although the Government has admitted only four deaths, including those of three policemen.

The situation deteriorated at

the weekend with a call from the main exiled opposition group, the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain, for a mass campaign of civil disobedience, and with the arrest of unidentified suspects accused of sabotage and the killing of a policeman and a Pakistani shop assistant.

Since street disturbances flared last December after the arrest of petitioners demanding the reinstatement of parliament — set up after independence from Britain in 1971 but closed by the al-Khalifas in 1975 — human rights groups have accused the authorities of using excessive force.

Once known as "the pearl of the Gulf", Bahrain — with its tolerant attitude towards alcohol and nightlife, its luxury hotels and the alleged links between leading Bahrainis and many of the foreign air stewards who are based there — has long been a target

for condemnation by Islamic purists.

Last week Amnesty International issued a report saying that the political situation had become critical with at least seven civilians killed and dozens of others wounded since last December. The Government says that the death toll is lower and that there have been about 300 arrests, as opposed to the more than 3,000 claimed by the opposition.

Bahrain's stability is of vital importance to the West. Since 1966, the group of islands that forms the emirate has been linked to Saudi Arabia by a causeway. The capital, Manama, provides vital services to the United States Navy and the RAF, although reporting them is discouraged in an attempt not to inflame extreme Islamic opinion further.

At the root of Bahrain's troubles, which are causing increasing concern in the West, is the fact that a 65 per cent Shia Muslim majority is ruled by a Sunni Muslim minority. Shia discontent has been exacerbated by high unemployment and a rule keeping Shias out of the armed forces and sensitive administration posts.

In a recent letter to *The Times*, Karim Ebrahim al-Shakir, the Bahraini Ambassador to London, said that the unrest was being provoked and supported by foreign-based terrorists bent on destabilising the Gulf region. *Al-Jazeera* Algerian airborne troops destroyed a convoy of armed Islamic fundamentalists coming from Sudan last week, the newspaper *Liberté* reported yesterday. (AFP)



Al-Shakir, 'terrorists' said to be behind unrest

## Gaza blast sparks call for revenge

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THOUSANDS of Islamic militants marched in the Gaza Strip yesterday, blaming Israel and the Palestinian Authority for the explosion at a secret bomb factory on Sunday and vowing to take swift revenge.

Although both Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation denied responsibility for the blast, in which six Palestinians are now known to have died and 30 others were wounded, Israeli security forces were placed on maximum alert by Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, in anticipation of renewed suicide attacks.

Palestinian police claimed that the explosion, which ripped through a block of flats in Gaza City, was caused when members of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, were working together to assemble a bomb. Four Hamas activists were among those killed in the incident.

As tension mounted in Gaza yesterday, more than 7,000 Islamic extremists marched behind symbolic wooden stretchers after the dead had been buried by Palestinian police. Some activists shouted "Revenge, revenge" and others chanted: "We want to hear the Jews crying."

## Tokyo cult blames Buddhist 'spies'

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

THE religious cult under investigation for the poison gas attack on Tokyo's subway system yesterday accused one of Japan's largest and most influential Buddhist sects of involvement in the incident and other illegal acts.

The charges, made by Rumihiro Jojo, the chief spokesman for Aum Shinrikyo, has provoked an unprecedented "clash of the cults" in Japan, where more than 185,000 religious organisations have coexisted in relative peace for decades.

Mr Jojo said that Soka Gakkai had sent about 86 "infiltrators" into the sect to "spy" on its members, and that one of the "spies" had carried out kidnappings and other acts that had been blamed on the Aum cult.

Both groups are categorised as "new religions". Aum says it has about 10,000 members in Japan — a country of 120

million people — and about 40,000 members overseas. Soka Gakkai, which was founded in the 1930s, claims a membership of more than 13 million in Japan and hundreds of thousands abroad.

The group, headed by Daisuke Ikeda, the honorary chairman, is one of Japan's richest and best established Buddhist sects. It wields considerable political power through its sponsorship of Komeito, a political party that recently divided into two separate organisations.

Soka Gakkai last night dismissed Mr Jojo's remarks. "Aum Shinrikyo originally blamed the American military, and then attributed the incidents [terrorist acts and kidnapping of former sect members and their relatives] to the Japanese national authorities. Their attempt now to implicate the Soka Gakkai is inconsistent and ludicrous."

## Bombay rents soar above Manhattan's

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY is among the world's most expensive cities. Land prices have risen between 60 and 100 per cent in the past two years and rents make Manhattan look cheap.

Solicitors, airline pilots and headmasters are among the residents of Dharavi, the largest slum in Asia, which is home to destitute middle-class unable to pay the city's exorbitant rents.

It is difficult to find a decent flat in central Bombay at any price. A small room is

the right location can fetch £2,000 a month in a country where the per capita monthly income is around £18. In Malabar Hill and Cumballa Hill, three-bedroom flats fetch £8,000 a month. Commercial rents are in most cases higher than in Tokyo and Hong Kong.

The main problem is housing laws that make it impossible for landlords to evict tenants. Most rents in central Bombay have been frozen at wartime prices.



Romanian soldiers carry away debris yesterday from the Tarom Airbus that crashed on the outskirts of Bucharest with the loss of 60 lives

Brussels: Belgian police checked an anonymous note sent to an international news organisation yesterday saying that "the hand of Allah" brought down a Romanian plane last Friday.

A spokesman for the Brussels public prosecutor's office confirmed that police were examining the handwritten note, delivered to an office in Brussels early in the day. It

## Jet 'struck by hand of Allah'

said: "The hand of Allah hit the non-believers in the sky. Death to the infidels. Islam will conquer."

The Brussels-bound Romanian Tarom Airbus A310 crashed just after take-off from Bucharest's Otopeni airport, killing all 60 passengers

and staff, including 32 Belgians. The same flight to Brussels was the subject of a bomb threat on March 15. Romanian air accident investigators say they are taking seriously a possibility that the crash could have been caused by a bomb. One witness

reported seeing an explosion on the aircraft.

Vladimir Belis, the director of the Bucharest mortuary, said yesterday: "My personal belief is that the victims have died due to an explosion in the air." He based this view on his experience, charring on

the bodies, and what he had read. A Tarom BAC 1-11 aircraft bound for Paris was forced to divert to the Romanian city of Timisoara yesterday after its pilot was told a bomb was on board.

Last month the Algerian Armed Islamic Group threatened reprisals after Belgian police broke up an Islamic fundamentalist network and arrested nine people. (Reuters)

## Maid 'was tortured to confess'

Mandla: The daughter of a Filipino maid hanged in Singapore for a double murder said yesterday her mother claimed she was tortured and drugged by police into admitting the crime.

Pior Contemplation, convicted of killing another maid and a four-year-old boy, was hanged on March 17 causing a political rift between Singapore and the Philippines. Her daughter, Russell, told a presidential commission investigating the case that her mother repeatedly denied the killings. (AFP)

## Thai rail deaths

Prachuap Khiri Khan: Fifteen people were killed and about 100 injured when a Thai passenger train hit a lorry at an unmarked crossing and left the rails about 140 miles south of Bangkok. (Reuters)

## Tourists traced

Rome: Nine Italian tourists kidnapped on the border of Eritrea and Ethiopia are in good health and being held in Ethiopia's Lake Assale region, an Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman said. (AFP)

## Volcano erupts

Lisbon: A volcano erupted in Pogo, one of the Cape Verde islands off West Africa. About 1,000 residents in the area left their homes and there were no reports of casualties or damage. (Reuters)

## Concern for Kim

Seoul: A team of American neurologists has visited North Korea, rekindling rumours about the health of Kim Jong Il, 33, its reclusive leader. He has repeatedly refused to meet foreign visitors. (AFP)

## Kangaroos dying

Adelaide: About 10,000 kangaroos are believed to have died in New South Wales as a result of a disease that causes blindness. Many have been hit by cars, starved to death or jumped into rivers. (Reuters)

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Dr Thomas Stuttford on porphyria

## Enough to send George III mad

NEXT Thursday looks of the hair of Charles I will be auctioned at Bonham's salesrooms in London. When the King's tomb was opened in 1813 the hair was snipped from the severed head and beard of the monarch by Sir Henry Hallford, who was one of the physicians to George III.

The success of Alan Bennett's play, *The Madness of George III*, and its new film version, means the King's doctors are better remembered for their inhumanity and incompetence when treating his madness than for their love of historical artefacts. They may justifiably be blamed for their cruelty but this was the standard approach to lunacy at the time.

George III is thought to have suffered from acute intermittent porphyria, although there is argument as to the exact nature of it. The biochemistry of porphyria metabolism and the different sorts of porphyria were not only beyond the experience of 18th-century doctors but still puzzle today's students. The *Oxford Textbook of Medicine* describes the porphyrias as "inborn errors of metabolism involving aberrations of specific enzymes in the haem biosynthetic pathway": failure of the normal metabolism results in physical and mental symptoms.

Figures for the prevalence of the porphyrias are not available in England, but one survey suggests that one in 50,000 in Scotland suffers from one type or another. For most doctors acute intermittent porphyria is not so much a biochemical problem as an appalling disease producing severe constipation,

acute abdominal pain, limb pains and extreme muscle weakness accompanied by severe anxiety, depression and noisy, irrational psychotic behaviour.

In fact, the madness may be of secondary importance when compared with the physical symptoms. The scene of the doctors peering anxiously into the regal chamber pot is not a figment of Bennett's imagination — they were assessing not only his constipation but the colour of the urine.

In patients with acute intermittent porphyria the urine varies between dark brown and red, and grows darker on standing.

George III became progressively weaker and took to his bed. Patients during an acute attack develop a severe and generalised muscle weakness: some may even succumb to respiratory paralysis. The heart muscle too is affected, the heart rate increases alarmingly and some patients die of heart failure.

The first attack of acute intermittent porphyria usually occurs in men before the age of 35 — rather earlier in women — and is unusual after 50. The disease is intermittent; complete remission may occur.

TREATMENT is with heavy doses of carbohydrates by mouth, or by intravenous drip to help to correct the biochemical abnormality, and psychoactive drugs and analgesics. The most important measure of all is to avoid the drugs or lifestyle which bring on attacks. The long list of suspect factors includes the Pill, alcohol, many medicines and stringent dieting.



Alcohol and the Pill can bring on attacks

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh talks to a leading researcher about African prostitutes and hopes of a vaccine

In 1984 Dr Sarah Rowland-Jones was training to be a general physician, and expected a conventional career. Now, aged 35, she spends extended periods in Africa studying prostitutes and is one of Britain's leading researchers into HIV and Aids at the Institute of Molecular Medicine in Oxford.

The switch in her career was the result of a short period during her training spent on the infectious diseases ward at St George's Hospital, Tooting. "I had only just qualified, and seeing young lives wrecked by this new, unknown disease, Aids, left a huge impression on me. At that time it was almost unheard of for apparently healthy adults to succumb to infections like pneumocystis pneumonia or thrush. I remember one young man told his family his diagnosis and they simply abandoned him; if it had been leukaemia everyone would have rallied round."

"Even in those early years we knew that HIV was causing serious damage to the victims' immune systems. As we learnt more about HIV, we realised that the immune system doesn't just give in to the virus, but fights it for years and years before being overcome."

The question which has fascinated Dr Rowland-Jones ever since is what tips the balance in this struggle and can the immune system ever win it?

Her work has taken her to the Gambia, where HIV-2 rather than the more common HIV-1 is prevalent (it shares about 50 per cent of its genetic code with HIV-1). Here there is a group of prostitutes who have remained HIV-negative despite repeated unprotected sex with high-risk clients. "We wanted to study these women in more detail because it seems that they have either inherited a special resistance to HIV or acquired a natural immunity to it." They could hold the key to an Aids vaccine.

The Medical Research Council has established a number of research units in the country and two Gambian healthcare workers travel around on mopeds tracking down the women, and offering free medical



Dr Sarah Rowland-Jones: seeing young lives wrecked by Aids turned her career to discovering how the immune system might beat it

care in exchange for blood samples. "The researchers are not allowed to take more than about a tablespoonful of blood every six months. This means that our research sometimes moves slowly but the women's clinical care is not overshadowed," says Dr Rowland-Jones.

In almost everyone who becomes infected with HIV, very high levels of virus are found in the blood for a few weeks, after which the levels fall very low for months or years before rising again as full-blown Aids begins to develop. So it seems that most people's immune systems manage to hold the infection in check for a variable length of time before being overcome. It is now practically certain that the immune system can, in some circumstances, emerge the victor.

The immune response to HIV is mounted mainly by a particular regiment of immune cells called

cytotoxic T-lymphocytes (CTLs), which seek out cells infected with bacteria or viruses and activate their in-built auto-destruct mechanism. CTLs recognise infected cells through an ingenious "shop window" system, in which the infecting organism gets taken apart within the cell and small fragments are hooked onto "display cabinets" known as HLA molecules and carried to the outside of the cell. Passing CTLs recognise the complex of foreign fragment-HLA molecules, and once they have done so, they trigger the production of thousands of identical CTLs.

"We found that CTLs of HIV-negative Gambian prostitutes react vigorously to HIV in the laboratory and kill the virus readily," she says. One explanation is that they have been "vaccinated" against the infection, either by taking on tiny amounts of the virus at several successive exposures, or by encountering an

unusually weak form of HIV before being exposed to more virulent strains. Another possibility is that these women reacted to the weaker HIV-2 virus some time in the past and triggered CTLs which were active against HIV-1 as well. According to Dr Rowland-Jones, there is growing evidence in favour of this last hypothesis.

Her research effort has recently moved to Nairobi in Kenya, an HIV-1 area, where a small minority of prostitutes have also tested HIV-negative despite high-risk behaviour and whose immune systems also show evidence of having repelled HIV. CTLs from both the Gambian and Kenyan women appear to be reacting against a specific fragment of HIV — a short segment of a viral enzyme, reverse transcriptase, which the virus uses to incorporate its own

genetic material into that of its host. While HIV-1 and HIV-2 regularly change their outer cloak to evade new drugs or immune defences, they cannot alter or dispense with reverse transcriptase. Much research into anti-HIV vaccines is now focusing on attaching this crucial fragment of reverse transcriptase to larger molecules which carry it around the bloodstream and attract the attention of CTLs.

Last week's reports from *The New England Journal of Medicine* of an infant who is has become HIV-negative after being positive, was not unexpected, says Dr Rowland-Jones, but it has boosted the hopes of those working on an anti-HIV vaccine. "I went into research with the full intention of returning to clinical work after a year or so, but I've stayed in immunology because that's where I feel I can do most to alleviate the suffering caused by the virus."

Last night, Britain's Advertising 'Oscars' Ceremony, the National Newspaper Campaign Advertising Awards took place. The award for best colour advertisement of the year was won by Moët & Chandon and Bartle Bogle Hegarty for 'Press', pictured here.

Maurice Saatchi, Chairman of the judges and his distinguished panel of national newspaper editors, creative directors and leading advertisers, were unanimous in selecting Moët & Chandon as the winner.

They considered what makes a great colour ad. Great colour, of course. Lots of style, excellent artwork and reproduction... that goes without saying. But forging a strong message for a brand name as powerful as Moët & Chandon required a blend of quality graphics and memorable words, skills familiar to both journalist and ad-man.

This advertisement commands the eye to linger. Its style is redolent of a sumptuous champagne age. It sells fine wine with period style. And the editors on the judging panel found the attack on "the power of the press" an irresistible play on words!

# A Great Colour Advertisement



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# Of life, death and stuffed cats

Beryl Bainbridge's front door shelters behind a cloak of Virginia creeper. There is no bell. No number. Only a heavy Victorian knocker on which you pound sepulchrally like the Commendatore from *Don Giovanni*. After a pause, a slight woman, wrecked but sensual, with shoulder-length chestnut-brown hair appears. She wears black stockings and a knee-length wrap-around dress gathered at the waist with a belt. She has deep pink lipstick, black eyeliner and the cheekbones of a Slav warrior. "You've got hair," she observes in surprise. "You come over bald on the phone."

She conducts me into an intensely gloomy Victorian hallway past rows of black and white pictures of her pale-faced, doe-eyed children standing by crumbling ivy-clad walls, more examples of *memento mori* than celebrations of new life. The hall is mainly taken up by a gigantic stuffed buffalo, while the leg of a shop dummy is propping up some slats in the ceiling. "That's where my mother-in-law tried to shoot me," explains Beryl absently, pouring a large whisky.

Perhaps it was her cold which made her seem depressed or was her mood more existential in its gloom? Perhaps it was the sudden death last year of her publisher Colin Haycraft, which anaesthetised her with shock. "When Colin died I couldn't feel anything. I couldn't even cry. I wanted to, but nothing came. Sometimes I put on sad music and had a drink and thought of him, but all I felt was nothing, coldness."

Almost pathetically she gets out folders of little notes (some of them only little memoranda on the backs of envelopes) which Haycraft sent her over the years: poems in Greek and Latin, letters and, in another brown envelope, a mountainous heap of obituaries and newspaper cuttings about his death.

To read Bainbridge's novels is to realise that what lies on the other side of childhood is ultimately horror. *An Awfully Big Adventure* is no exception. The title is a quote from Peter Pan, when, standing on a rock in the lagoon, he declares: "To die must be an awfully big adventure." It is just the sort of line that

Beryl Bainbridge tells Robert

Fewdwr Moss how  
*An Awfully Big Adventure* came to be filmed

would capture Bainbridge's imagination, fascinated as she is by the twin subjects of innocence and death.

One of her friends remembers that when one of her cats, Fudding, died, she decided she was going to stuff him herself. "Duckworth, her publishers, had actually published a book called *Taxidermy: A User's Guide*," he recalls. "Fortunately the body went missing." But in the course of our conversation the subject recurs. She tells me she wishes to be buried in her own garden. "Apparently it's quite legal as long as they put you in a wool shroud and they go down a certain number of feet."

The film based on her book is a brilliant and poignant study of the unavoidable loss of innocence when the young actress, Stella (played by Georgina Cates), becomes fatally embroiled with a dashing lead actor (Alan Rickman) and a young director (Hugh Grant) in a Liverpool rep company after the war. Directed by Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*), it is loosely based on Bainbridge's own experiences at the Liverpool Playhouse as a result of which she fell disastrously in love and married.

Beryl — like Stella in the book — got a job as assistant stage manager because her father knew the Lord Mayor and the Lord Mayor knew the theatre's manager, played in the film by Prunella Scales. "I'd always wanted to write a book with that line as the title," says Bainbridge. "And I've always written about the past. My past mainly."

*Awfully* came about one night when she found herself drinking alone after a heated discussion with a close friend, in the course of which

she had knocked over a pile of books. "I was putting the books back on the shelf and I fell over and knocked myself out on the edge of the table. When I came round I don't remember anything. I started to phone my mother who died 17 years ago. But instead of my mother I got the speaking clock. It started me thinking. To say more would be to spoil the grotesque twists of a brilliant Bainbridge plot."

The film was shot in Dublin as Liverpool was considered too refurbished and too changed to capture the right air of decay. "In Liverpool then there were children barefoot in winter, and soup kitchens up until 1949. People forget so easily. In those days we all stank, even the lower middle classes. If my mother got the bus, she always sat with her nose in a hanky."

Before I went to interview Beryl Bainbridge, her agent phoned. He said there were lots of good stories and wonderful coincidences about the film. For a start the girl playing Stella was an unknown who, like Beryl as a girl, had been working at the Liverpool Playhouse as an usher. It was quite a sweet story as it seemed to mirror that of both Stella in the film and, ergo, Beryl in real life.

A bit too sweet actually. "It's not true, at all," remarks Beryl tartly. "It's a hoax she made up to get the part. At the end of shooting she broke down and confessed she'd been to the Guildhall. I think she was brought up in Sussex. She'd never set foot in Liverpool in her life."

The interview ends when the cleaner phones for Beryl's cab. Cosmos Cars Camden. "They're all Chinese and none of them speaks English," wails Beryl, preparing herself — with another scotch — to deliver a lecture to some English faculty in the depths of south London. "God, I'm dreading this," she mutters as I escort her to the car. The last I see of her is as the vehicle draws away, her head pops out of a rear window and she points to her old tomato dragging himself along the street. "Oh look, it's Gerald Duckworth!" she cries. "Just look at him! Can't you see how buggered he's been?"

● *An Awfully Big Adventure* is released on Thursday



Bainbridge: fascinated by the twin subjects of innocence and death

## So sorry you weren't invited

Only the wallflowers got excited about my dance with Rushdie

AS UNSEEMLY as it might be for a journalist to admit this, I am beginning to feel rather Stephen Fryish about the press. Must it be so nasty?

Now, while I don't want to slip too far into Michael Winner mode — the columnist as self-publicist is not an attractive spectacle — I cannot entirely choke my response to the press coverage given to my dancing with Salman Rushdie at the launch party for Martin Amis's new novel last week.

This is the story: there is a party; people dance at it. Scoop of the year, surely. The cameras were invited by the publishing company, so one can hardly blame the photographers, and actually I don't. This isn't about intrusive-

ness: having your photograph taken while dancing is just not something to get excited about or feel ashamed of. I had a great time: nothing to conceal about that. What concerns me rather is what the photographs were used to say later, and the words that accompanied them were, with some exceptions, notably composed by those who hadn't been invited. About which more later.

What the photographers — and their editors — really wanted were pictures of Martin Amis and his new girlfriend. Had they got those, the apparently pressing story of "Salman Rushdie dances at party" would have been kept from you. But that's all they

got, so they went with it. But that's not a story so a spin has to be put on it. These days that means finding something mean to say. And so the pictures are captioned with sarcastic remarks about how much "we" are all paying for Special Branch to look on while Mr Rushdie has a good time at a party, along with the usual snide implications.

Why is there so much hatred towards Salman Rushdie? In anyone's scheme of things, going out to a party and getting on down is not a particularly heinous activity. What do people want? For him to stay locked up out of sight? Sometimes I fear that what they want is even worse than that. It is insupportable that this man who is the victim of terrorism is treated as if he were the culprit of some vile crime himself. Why should he have to atone for the sins of his persecutors?

Of course not all the attacks were due to covert racism or copy-hungry opportunism. Some were fired simply by resentment. Those who were, as the parlance has it, NFI (Not F\*\*\*\*\* Invited, should you need a translation) went in for the kill. I am puzzled that people who weren't at the party saw nothing strange about presuming to give an account of what they didn't witness. No: it's disingenuous to describe myself as puzzled, for surely it's the lack of invitation that explains it all.



NIGELLA LAWSON

## Go on, really shock me

EVEN we disco queens must take a rest sometimes: so Sunday night saw me enjoying the skills of others at the Gala of the Dance Umbrella in Woking. After pieces by the Royal Ballet, the Scottish Ballet and Mark Morris *inter alia*, the finale, for reasons I can't really fathom, was a rendition of *Time Warp* by

members of *The Rocky Horror Show*. The stage was filled with men in black stockings and high heels, while women in patterned silk and soft pernis clapped placidly along with the beat. There's something rather depressing about something that was designed to shock refreshed as material for a suburban singalong.

## The making of a Death Row crusader



Unlikely zealot: Clive Stafford Smith, left, once head boy at Radley, with a prisoner

Clive Stafford Smith has defended, by his own estimate, more than 200 inmates of America's Death Row, and has failed to win a reprieve on just three occasions. He watched while two of those died, and remains traumatised by the experience. This week the British lawyer faces what may be his hardest task in more than a dozen years of campaigning against America's death penalty: attempting to save the life of his fellow countryman, the convicted murderer Nicholas Ingram, who is due to die in Georgia's electric chair on Thursday. Mr Stafford Smith has already filed appeals on Ingram's behalf in virtually every court in the land, from the state level to the Supreme Court.

A civil rights suit issued against the Georgia State Execution, claiming that electrocution amounts to "cruel and unusual punishment", was due to be heard in a Georgia court yesterday. If that fails, as Mr Stafford Smith confidently predicts, he has one final chance to obtain clemency: when the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles hears Ingram's case the day before his scheduled execution.

A former head boy at Radley College, Mr Stafford Smith appears an unlikely zealot, but

Ben Macintyre on the British lawyer defending Nicholas Ingram

As he sat in a New York hotel last week, there was no mistaking the righteous fire of a true believer who discovered his vocation at 16 while writing a school essay on the death penalty. "I can't think of anything that any government does to any individual where the individual is more defenceless and the government more overbearing and the person needs more help," he says.

The guilt or innocence of his clients has never troubled the 35-year-old lawyer, who sees his job as nothing less than a crusade against a barbaric and outdated institution.

The case of Nicholas Ingram, who was convicted of killing a middle-aged Georgia man in 1983, holds particular pliancy for Mr Stafford Smith, not least because the two men were born in the same Cambridge hospital just four years apart.

Issuing writs on an almost daily basis, Mr Stafford Smith is leaving no legal stone unturned in his determination to

prevent the convicted murderer and — after a decade of prison visits — his friend from being "fried", a word Mr Stafford Smith uses often. "If the paroles board turns us down I'm going to sue them too," he notes. "Make that the 25th person I'm going to sue."

In New York to receive a public service award from Columbia University, Mr Stafford Smith was modest about a record which has made him one of the most prominent defenders in the American South and, in a part of the country where the death penalty is regarded with almost religious veneration, one of the most reviled.

"My office is viewed as a bunch of pinko communists," Mr Stafford Smith says proudly of his Louisiana Crisis Assistance Centre in New Orleans, from which he coordinates his campaigns.

After toying with journalism as a method of making his views heard, Mr Stafford Smith trained in US law at the University of North Carolina and later at Columbia University. Despite a workload that would make most American lawyers blanch, he is far from wealthy and his law office is financed entirely by charitable donations. With characteristic tenacity, Mr Stafford Smith is now suing several southern states for his legal fees.

"What do these people think when some pompous Brit comes and tells them how to straighten up their act?" he laughs. The answer to that question might best be gauged by radio stations in Georgia which have begun holding phone-ins in response to mounting British interest in the Ingram case. The radio host Sean Hannity characterised the public reaction in three words: "Pull the switch." If that happens, Clive Stafford Smith will be there, thundering protest until the moment the current flows.

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# Exorcising the spectre of Hitler

Roger Boyes on why the Russians feared the Führer's bones

AS NAZI Germany crumbled around him, Joseph Goebbels ransacked his imagination and made an uncanny prediction for 1995. "If the Führer dies an honourable death in Berlin and if Europe falls to the Bolsheviks — then in five decades at the latest the Führer will have become a legendary personality and national socialism will have the quality of a myth, blessed by that last great sacrifice."

The mystery of Adolf Hitler's death — revealed in some detail yesterday by *Der Spiegel* — has been the object of some fascination for half a century. The damp, cramped bunker, the flames eating up Berlin, the strange crazed intimacy of Hitler, Eva Braun, the Goebbels family, the crackling communication with the Reich, the physical deterioration of the Nazi leader: all this makes up a drama at once sordid and compelling. The usual comparison is with Wagner's *Twilight of the Gods*; but there was little that was noble or entrancing about those final days underground. Rather, it was bad opera — Puccini perhaps — with a libretto by Von Clausewitz perfectly logical commands issued out of a chaotic household into an unreciprocated darkness as the rumour of war closed in.

'Stalin believed in the force of demonic spirits'

There was black force too — shortly before the end, the Auschwitz doctor Karl Gebhardt appeared in Hitler's bunker, asking whether he could be appointed president of the German Red Cross. If the Red Cross has a branch in hell, Gebhardt is surely president; he was hanged at Nuremberg.

Goebbels's prognosis was a relatively shrewd one. Certainly it influenced Stalin, who needed much persuasion that Hitler was really dead. Professor then Squadron Leader Hugh Trevor-Roper's findings, presented in November 1945 were widely accepted in the West. His thorough detective work and cross-examination of witnesses seemed to squash the many rumours that Hitler had escaped from the bunker. Stalin wanted more — he had, after all, the best witnesses, and interrogated them thoroughly. Almost a dozen of these captives were sent back to the site of the bunker in 1946 for a filmed midnight re-enactment of the last days of Hitler. When Stalin was convinced, his chief concern was that the whereabouts of the body should remain a secret. Like all good Georgians he believed in the force of demonic spirits. Hitler was so thoroughly evil that even his bones had to be hidden for ever.

*Der Spiegel's* account, based on recently discovered communications between the KGB chief Yuri Andropov and the Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, in 1970, is entirely plausible and has been supported by many interviews with direct participants. In this account, the remains of Hitler, his mistress Eva Braun and the Goebbels family (including their six poisoned children) were crammed into five ammunition boxes, driven to Magdeburg and buried in a

Soviet military camp. When in March 1970 it seemed that the Soviet base might be handed over to the East Germans, Andropov asked for permission to transfer the bodies to a nearby tank training ground for cremation. Brezhnev approved.

At dead of night, exactly 25 years ago today, five KGB officers dug up the improvised coffins and carried out the order. The historical background of this night-time exhumation was significant: Willy Brandt, the West German Chancellor, had just been greeted by cheering East Germans in Erfurt. Germany was making Russia nervous. What demons had been unbuttoned by Ostpolitik?

Russia is still ruled by men both anxious about, and respectful of, Germany. Reporting of German affairs in the Russian press is still stamped by memories of the war, by the fear of resurgent nationalism, by the conviction that Germany is the motive force behind NATO's expansion eastwards. There is no more uncertain relationship in world politics than that of the "good friends" Boris Yeltsin and Helmut Kohl. Hitler's bones still matter in a country which has mummified Lenin.

The Russians have consistently underestimated Germany's ability to develop a proper democratic culture. But they were probably right to take Goebbels's prediction at face value — a grave or a tomb to Hitler would be dangerous indeed. Even the hard-nosed Westerner has an uneasy feeling in the concrete tunnels under Hitler's holiday home at Berchtesgaden.

GOEBBELS was very eager to arrange the proper kind of death for his master. It had to be a death that would be presented in November 1945 as the nobility of Hitler. Alive, Hitler in those final days was a stooped, stubbled, grey, barely sane 55-year-old, his tunic flecked with grease. Dead, Hitler could be the beacon for a reborn Germany. The order went out to set up werewolf units of young Germans to form the nucleus of a new nationalist movement. For them, and others, a lasting heroic figure had to emerge from the rubble. Goebbels read aloud chunks of Thomas Carlyle's biography of Frederick II of Prussia. The Prussian king — whose portrait hung in Hitler's bunker bedroom — decided that unless the Seven Years War shifted in his favour by February 1762, he would kill himself with poison. Fortunately, the Russian Tsarina died on January 5. Her son was an admirer of Frederick.

Hitler cried when he heard this. He wanted so much to be a latter-day Frederick. For him, though, there was to be no last-minute salvation. The Russians, in their own conspiratorial way, did the right thing by this pathetic tyrant: his ashes, not doubt merged with the dark heavy clouds of industrial smoke that slowly poisoned the East German state.



## Beggar thy neighbour

The courts are full of people who want the people next door to go to hell

Who was that nuisance who said *De minimis non curat lex*? A likely story! Well, whoever he was, he must have been not quite off his rocker, or at least determined to bring down our entire legal system. The truth is that the lex curat like billy on morning till night, and there isn't a square inch left to put down a minimus or two. And if you don't believe me, go and ask District Judge John Turner, who has just presided over a case which lasted 11 days, on every day of which His Honour must have come close to asking the usher to pass him a large bowl of prussic acid and a ladle.

I have been at this business — writing columns for *The Times* — for 23 years, and I am dreadfully certain that in every one of those years there has been at least one month (some years a dozen) in which I could, if I was mad enough to do it, make at least half my columns out of court cases based on disputes between neighbours. I have carefully catalogued 167 cases of claims that Mr Higgenbottom's trees are encroaching on Mrs Bottomley's hedges, 244 instances of Mr Wallop's parking space being invaded, 1,031 demands from the family Smith-Smythe to end the stench coming from their chickens, and 18,909 violent retaliations in the cases of untrained dogs.

And yet they come. This time it is the Swainstons v the Foxes, and there is no half-time. What there is, of course, is invariably a draw: both sides wearing bloody noses and both sides, of course, almost ruined. (The legal fees for both sides came to £50,000, Natch.)

Let us now get down to the Swainstons and the Foxes, and what they got up to. In case I might get entangled in the details of who is who (why is it, I could never hope to know), I shall recite the catalogue of horror without apportioning names, and I shall call all the participants by the name of Hate One and Hate Two.

Very well. Hostilities between Mr Hate One erupted when the Hate Twos moved in nearly three years ago. Within hours, Mr Hate One was complaining about rubbish being piled in the driveway.

The bitterness escalated as offensive graffiti appeared outside the Hate Twos' home. At one stage the police were being called up to five times a day.

One had kept a diary as the vendetta between the neighbours gathered pace. By the time it came to court there were almost 1,000 entries. Most related to noise from Mr Hate Two's dog, radars and motorbikes. Among the catalogue of incidents was one in which Mr Hate One siphoned the water from Mr Hate Two's water butt. Once, seven policemen were needed to restrain Mr Hate One. Next Mr Hate Two brought a caravan and parked it in his drive, blocking Mr Hate One's view.

A twist was added to the court proceedings when Mr Hate Two's

and most intractable. One of the most familiar cartoons — it is probably the runner-up to the desert-island one — is the picture of the cave-man with his club. But there can be no cave-man without a cave. That fascinating book, *The Territorial Imperative*, was a huge success in the United States, and another in Britain. And that was not by chance, because the book sang the praises of place, of home, of roots, of familiar signs: why, was not one of the most familiar statements ever made "Here I stand, I can do no other"? And on a less awesome plane, it only takes half a dozen people coming together to have at least one of them mention his home.

We can spread the idea wider still: it is not a wider joke for the cartoonist (though the cartoonist, again, blesses its existence) that very many homes — not only the retired majors — are christened Dunrovin. Indeed, the very idea of giving a house a name might be thought odd, yet no one — no one in this country, at least — thinks that it is strange.

But James Elroy Flecker did not think it strange at all:

Half to forget the wandering and the pain,  
Half to remember days that have gone by,  
And dream and dream that I am home again!

And if you think that is too highbrow there is always

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,  
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.

Many, many years ago, I was invited by an American newspaper to join it the invitation came with a substantial stipend, a five-year contract and an apartment. I was greatly tempted, but I knew in my heart I would say no, and I did. (As it happens, it would have been impossible anyway, because I couldn't drive a car — I still can't — and the picture

Bernard Levin

## What ho, Blair

FINAL PROOF of Tony Blair's departure from the world of trade unions, working men's clubs and socialism comes courtesy of the P.G. Wodehouse Society. He has just signed up as a member.

An article in *The Times* which exposed him as an admirer of Bertie Wooster, Gussie Fink-Nottle and their ilk seems to have done the trick. After it appeared in February, he was approached by the society to become an honorary member and readily accepted.

The decision is likely to win him votes, says Richard Morris, chairman of the society. "I will be trying to get the society to vote as a block for him at the election. I am sure he will have an advantage now he is a member." Blair's membership will be announced in the next issue of the society's newsletter. Later this year, he will be asked to unveil a plaque at Threepwood House in Hampshire, where Wodehouse lived for ten years.

Labour supporters never featured large in Wodehouse's upper-crust capers. But in one short story, Bertie Wooster's pal Bingo Little becomes an enthusiastic member of the Dawn. He joins in order to

pursue Charlotte Corday Rowbotham, daughter of the group's leader.

The news of Blair's membership comes as little surprise to Sir Tim Rice, that inveterate Wodehouse fan, who has just been appointed chairman of Richmond and Barnes Conservatives. "Tony Blair is a Conservative really, you see. I'm amazed he hasn't joined before. It'll be the MCC next."



Wooster image: Blair's vote

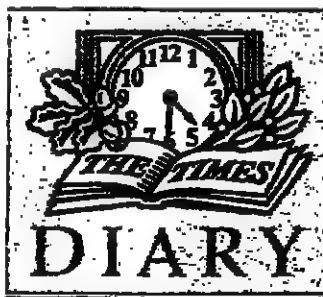
● Derek Lewis, the Director-General of the Prison Service, owned up to another escape on Friday. In a letter to an MP, he described how a donkey went missing from Thorn Cross young offender institution near Warrington, projected site of the first British "boot camp". Four members of staff spent about half an hour searching... but failed to find it. The animal, which inmates look after on behalf of a donkey sanctuary, was later recaptured by police and prison staff at a cost to public funds of more than £75.

### Kettle on

POLLY TOYNBEE has been dithering over her planned departure from the BBC, where she was social affairs editor, for *The Independent*. So much so that she cancelled the leaving party she was to have held at her south London home on Friday night.

Her concern seems to have been prompted because of uncertainty about the fate of Ian Hargreaves, the Editor of *The Independent*, who appointed her as an associate editor.

"She cancelled because she wasn't 100 per cent certain that she was leaving. She was concerned about the uncertainty at *The Independent*," says an erstwhile BBC



colleague. "Now she has decided she is leaving. She's told everyone she will have a leaving party after Easter." In the meantime, Toynbee is holidaying in Italy.

### Networking

NO SNUB was intended, they say, but President Clinton was conspicuously absent from Washington yesterday when John Major arrived in the capital. Instead of greeting the Prime Minister, he decided to stay home in Arkansas and watch a game of basketball.

It was a key match last night: the universities national championship's final between his favoured team, the Arkansas Razorbacks, and the University of California (UCLA). "He wanted to watch it back home with his friends," says a Washington source. "Which

means he'll be cutting it pretty fine to get to the White House for lunch with Major the next day."

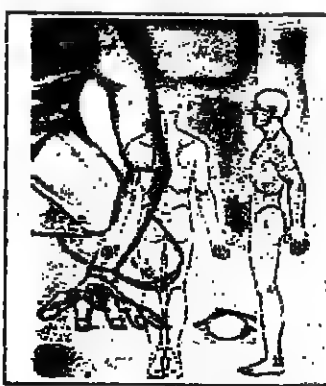
### Party planner

JONATHAN Aitken, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, may be under pressure from the media over his alleged involvement in the arms-to-Iran saga but he is still in favour on the back benches. His house in London is in demand for functions. And the former Education Secretary, John Patten, has decided to commandeer Aitken's ballroom to launch *Things to Come*, his book on the future of the Tory Party.

According to close friends, Patten thought the grandeur of Aitken's home was just the setting for his definitive treatise. There is also the advantage that he can cram a few more guests into Aitken's house than into his own London residence. "You can only fit 70 people into mine at the most — and that's if you hold your stomach in," he told a friend. "It's far more suitable all round to have it in Jonathan's house."

### Stardust

THE GLACIAL gallery girls in London's West End are uncommonly excited. David Bowie is



Bowie: self-portrait

mounting his first solo art exhibition at The Gallery in Cork Street later this month.

One of the more striking paintings in this mini-retrospective is a portrait of fellow pop star Iggy Pop from 1975. Iggy Pop's head is bright blue and the painting is described by one art fancier as "powerful and expressionist".

Bowie has gathered one or two self-portraits for his show, which covers 20 years of painting, drawing and print-making. "The portraits are only of his body, not his head," says his agent. "They are self-referential." Quite.

P.H.S

## No critic's turn unstoned

Benedict Nightingale defends his craft

Who said that asking a playwright how he felt about critics was like asking a lamp-post how it felt about dogs? Christopher Hampton, I think, but it has become increasingly apparent of late that his view is widely shared, and not only by dramatists.

Tony Slattery used Sunday's Olivier Awards to attack critics as variously "barking bloody mad", "a prat", "boss-eyed" and worse. And that tirade caused for cruelty to another comic. Reportedly, it was a review of *Cell Mates* that called Stephen Fry "the all-time farce, so damnably English and perplexingly inexpressive" which provoked his hurried exit from the play and the country.

We dish it out, we should take it. Indeed, it would probably do everyone good if there was more criticism of the critics, though it might help if the likes of Slattery were clearer about their objections. As any club reviewer knows, there are more complete ways of analysing someone's faults than calling him names. Still, I don't think we critics should abuse ourselves for fear of offending Slattery. Nor should we start lying about our feelings — for this is what is implicitly demanded — on the off-chance that they may send performers to the Low Countries in berets and dark glasses. It is that we are too generous and too much in love with the theatre. If we shorchange anyone, it is not playwrights or comedians, but those to whom we are primarily responsible: the public.

That is not to deny that ours is a fallible profession. Clement Scott called Ibsen's *Ghosts* a "wretched, loathsome, deplorable history" which no decent man should let his wife see. But Archer and Shaw, both critics, ensured a more favourable view prevailed. Harold Pinter's *Birthday Party* was dismissed by almost everybody. So was Edward Bond's *Saved*, mainly because of a scene in which hooligans stoned a baby. But Harold Hobson and Penelope Gilliat, also critics, rescued each reputation.

Individual critics have been narrow and idle. James Agate often nodded off during performances, anecdotically telling a dramatist who had craved an opinion of his play, "Young man, sleep is an opinion." Yet he did, more than anyone, to win Chekhov acceptance in Britain. And reviewers haven't always fought the temptation to be smart at others' expense. "Katharine Hepburn ran the whole gamut of emotion from A to Z," I have knocked everything but the knees of the chorus girls, and nature has anticipated me there."

But such casual savagery, more common in America than England, has all but disappeared. Indeed, its last practitioner is probably John Simon of *New York* magazine, who has dismissed careers in offhand phrases ("a terrible actress"), and recently caused uproar by suggesting that Marilyn Peetkin looked too much like a Jew in a Nazi cartoon to be a convincing Leonora. Frank Rich, lately the *New York Times* drama critic, is an acute, responsible writer who became known as the "butcher of Broadway" only because of his paper's unique influence on the box office.

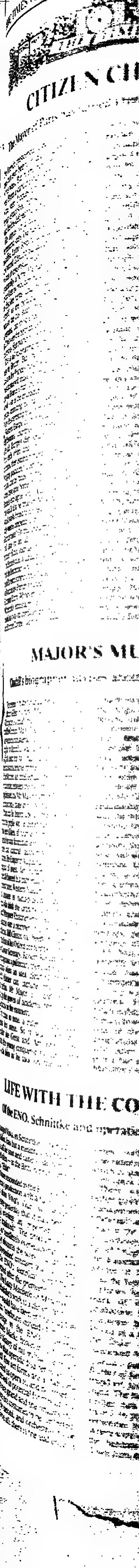
Even Slattery would run out of job insults if he lived in New York. There, one critic probably has more power over actors' lives than all 12 leading critics do here. When a man who disdained Shaw had the job, virtually no Shaw was played in New York. But anybody who reads the British critics' reviews in *Theatre Record* will be struck by the diversity of their tastes. Views on Fry in *Cell Mates*, for instance, ranged from "dud" to "magnificent", and on Slattery in *Newell's Island* from "one-note" to "marvellously malleable".

Proof that no critic's likes or hates should be regarded as holy writ? Certainly. But reviewers have other functions than to judge. They must describe, inform, analyse and interpret; work out the aims of dramatists and directors; and place performances in a continuing tradition. Most of us try to offer our readers some objective evidence before reaching what is, of course, a personal verdict.

And if I am to believe friends who (unlike most critics) aren't manic thespians, those verdicts often err on the kind side. How can impresarios invariably plaster their theatre facades with at least one "superb" or "brilliant"? If you had believed the majority of reviewers last year, Jonathan Harvey's *Beautiful People* and Terry Johnson's *Dead Funny* were modern masterpieces, instead of what they surely were: quite promising and quite amusing.

When a producer called him a pinhead, the critic George Jean Nathan refused to believe it, "because pinhead has two syllables." Maybe we should treat Slattery's use of "barking" with similar respect. Alternatively, we might bark louder and bite harder.

For myself, his attack has got me thinking — and thinking I should be a bit more of a four-letter word.







## CITIZEN CHIRAC

The Mayor of Paris has turned French politics on its head

The French presidential election campaign does not even begin, officially, until the end of this week. But in another sense, it is half over. From a standing start at the beginning of the year, Jacques Chirac has not only firmly established himself as the man to beat, he has defined the terms of the contest.

He argues for a clean break with the Mitterrand years. He has thus deftly put the Socialist, Lionel Jospin, at a disadvantage, and forced Edouard Balladur to desert the politics of consensual prudence in which he is naturally at home. He has stolen a march on the Left by proclaiming Left and Right to be obsolete terms, and he has reinvented himself as the politician who, precisely because he has such long experience of governing, can most effectively bridge the gulf between the political establishment and the things that matter to ordinary people.

This is all fascinating to politicians, not least in Britain. But the more important question for France's neighbours is whether the outcome will make any real difference to the way France is run, the way it looks at the world — or to the character of the electoral debates unfolding in Italy, Belgium and Spain. It is tempting to assume that elections in Western Europe do not much matter to neighbouring countries. Whoever wins, after all, Europe's democracies no longer fight each other, and in most of these countries, their establishments are adept at bringing politicians' electoral promises of radical change "back to reality" once the voters have gone home. Many members of France's elite agree with Alain Minc that this would also be true of M Chirac, who would soon be forced to concede that "we can only become competitive by importing the German model". On this argument, the only vital issue for an ally is reliability in moments of crisis such as the Gulf War.

In France's case, it already appears clear that the Frenchman who presides over the next European summit, this June in Cannes, will chart a new French strategy towards the European Union. Whoever wins, President Mitterrand's enthusiasm for federalism, based as it was on confidence that France could control Europe's destiny, seems set to

be his least durable legacy. The tone of the election campaign is in this respect unmistakable: the future French President will argue for more assertive common European policies — but with national governments rather than common institutions in the driving seat. In foreign policy most Frenchmen are Gaullists now, although this does not imply the collapse of the Franco-German axis. It was, after all, de Gaulle who published the bans for the Franco-German marriage, and French politicians still believe that German power is best managed within the tight embrace of love.

But the new French emphasis on the inter-governmental character of European co-operation will have enormous bearing on Europe's future. The importance of a Chirac victory would be that he is the man most able to articulate in ways that attract solid popular support. Both M Balladur and M Chirac are converts to a "flexible" Europe based on shifting, interest-based coalitions, and M Balladur has gone out of his way to insist that the Europe of the future "cannot be federal in nature". But M Balladur has yet to say how this can be squared with his policy of economic and therefore political union with Germany at the earliest possible date. A distancing from the European Commission and Parliament would be even harder to detect should Lionel Jospin defy the long odds against victory. He is a quintessential Clause Four Socialist, with all the faith in the EU's social charter and the mantra of "solidarity" which that implies.

A Chirac victory would not guarantee a meeting of minds across the Channel. When M Chirac inveighs against the powers of the European Commission, for example, there is more than a hint of hostility to attempts by Brussels to control French subsidies to uncompetitive industries. But France is never harder to deal with than when it is in one of its fits of national gloom, and M Chirac has the dynamism to tackle the country's most pressing domestic challenges. Public disaffection with politics is a Europe-wide phenomenon. If France discovers a new lease of life post-Mitterrand, it could affect the climate beyond its frontiers.

## MAJOR'S MUSE

Churchill's biographer advises another Prime Minister

The presence of the distinguished scholar Martin Gilbert on John Major's trip to Washington is a small but intriguing political development. Mr Gilbert, who is best known for his magisterial eight-volume biography of Churchill, was a guest on Mr Major's recent trip to Israel, during which he made a considerable impression upon the Prime Minister. An intellectual bond seems to have arisen between the two men. Why, it may be asked, has Mr Major turned to a fine historian at this stage in his fortunes?

Much can be learnt about the powerful from the people whose cerebral company they keep. Often, of course, they surround themselves with formidable intellects to add lustre and cultural authority to their regimes. The Emperor Augustus adored the company of poets, for instance, just as Joseph II flaunted his patronage of Mozart. In recent times, Western leaders have often had recourse to hand-picked academic gurus who think the unthinkable on their behalf. Margaret Thatcher enjoyed a flexible association with a number of Conservative academics. Bill Clinton has been influenced by the ideas of his Oxford contemporary and now Labour Secretary, Robert Reich. However pragmatic a politician, there are always occasions when an idea gleaned from a helpful thinker can capture the public imagination. Mr Major is said to be trawling the groves of academe for helpful suggestions at the moment.

From time to time, a ruler's guru also becomes his muse. So it was between Alexander the Great and Aristotle, who inspired the young conqueror to carry the *Iliad* with him as he took on the world.

Charlemagne's intellectual friendship with the Anglo-Saxon scholar Alcuin went far beyond mere patronage, as did Frederick II's stormy association with Voltaire. In such cases, brainpower can be an enthralling diversion from the cares of office. It can make sense of daunting responsibility. At the very least, it can make the mighty feel a little better about themselves.

A closer parallel to Mr Major's affinity with Mr Gilbert may be John F. Kennedy's relationship with Arthur Schlesinger, who was the force behind the young President's hypochondriacal oratory — and some alleged — the true author of his prose. Nor was it an accident that Schlesinger was an historian, who had already won a Pulitzer Prize in his twenties. After Kennedy's death, his adviser played a vital role in the mythologising of the Camelot years. Along with William Manchester, Schlesinger became one of the most prominent chroniclers of the presidency and an apostle for the assassinated Commander-in-Chief. As an historian, he perhaps performed a greater service for Kennedy after his death than during his life.

Mr Major is said to have a keen eye for posterity and a sense of his role in history which has sadly eluded most of his contemporaries. Mr Gilbert's presence on this trip will not restore the Government's electoral fortunes or repair the special relationship between Britain and America. It may, however, reassure Mr Major that his side of the story will be put to future generations in an even-handed way. And who better than Churchill's biographer to give a fair account of a Conservative Prime Minister's struggle against adversity?

## LIFE WITH THE COLISEUM

Of the ENO, Schmitke and operatic ups and downs

The deranged Vova, in Schmitke's opera *Life with an Idiot*, has but a meagre vocabulary. "Ekh!" is all he said and sang — disconcertingly often — at the British premiere on Saturday. "Ekh!"

Critics have responded to the English National Opera's production with a fuller range of words than Vova's. Our own Rodney Milnes wrote yesterday that it had been "a depressing, evening, an important work heedlessly traduced". The production, he lamented, is "needlessly over-elaborate, and near-fatally obscures the work's dour content". Sabre-toothed criticism was directed also at the ENO's technical ineptitude. *Franziska's* virtuosity after the premiere of Shostakovich's *The Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk* — to which Schmitke's work is a clever satirical successor — would have been entirely apt at the Coliseum: "confusion instead of music".

Our message to the ENO's general director Dennis Marks, however, is to seek solace in the history of his milieu: he must know by now that operatic disaster is as old as opera itself. Few art forms are as tangled and complicated as opera is, and no other is as richly endowed in potential for misadventure. The sets are grand and the singers still grander. There are costumes to be concocted, choruses to be tamed, and orchestras to be won over. Above all, there is the audience: it

comes well-dressed and packed with expectations; and unlike the theatre, to which it goes for meaning and revelation, from opera it demands fine spectacle.

There was something endearing (and rather gawky) in the announcement by the management on Saturday that "a technical rehearsal" was at the root of the 20-minute delay in the start. Rehearsal, naturally, was an ill-chosen word in the context; "hitch" or "glitch" might have been more reassuring to the audience. For whole books have been written on the hitches and glitches which stud the history of opera.

Horses have been known to leave their mark on stage memorably so in one production of *Boris Godunov*, where the stimpation beamed the fate of Mother Russia by a mound of manure. In *Rigoletto*, the Duke of Mantua has on occasion swallowed his moustache in the midst of *Questa o quella*. And at the premiere of *The Barber of Seville*, Don Basilio fell through a trapdoor, just one of many accidents on the night. The hiccups at *Life with an Idiot* were neither new to opera nor the worst on record. In years to come, those present will remember the occasion much more fondly. Where were you, Daddy, when the bath with the baritone in it dangled only halfway down from the ceiling at the Coliseum?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## European travel without passports

From Mr Nigel H. C. Ward

Sir, Your leader, "Jeux sans frontières" (March 27), rightly points out how it has been made progressively easier to travel between many of the countries of mainland Europe, long before the Schengen agreement was implemented (report, March 25).

Many of us travelling between the UK and France by air often have merely to hold up our passports at immigration control; rarely are they handed to or even opened by the customs officer. However, you assert that Schengen should not be implemented in Great Britain for a variety of reasons, none of which I find convincing.

There is no difference to the restrictions and controls that need apply to flights arriving at, say, Frankfurt from the US or Asia than to those arriving at Heathrow. There is no complaint now from the main airports in the UK about carrying the cost of receiving passengers who wish to fly on to Birmingham or Edinburgh.

Anyone who has recently travelled either by ferry or Le Shuttle knows that the immigration procedures are minimal, unlikely to prevent any determined felon from entering our country. Of course careful control procedures must be maintained for all travellers entering Europe from non-EU countries, but nothing will be achieved by restricting the movement of EU citizens in and out of Great Britain.

To do so would be to add to the growing list of differences between ourselves and our partners. Those who wish this to happen would be the first to complain about unnecessary delays when they next tried to start their summer holidays in France, Spain, Italy and elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,  
NIGEL H. C. WARD  
40 rue des Vignerons,  
94500 Vincennes, Paris.  
March 31.

From Mr Brian Hutchinson

Sir, I am British and proud to be so, but I am also a European. I travel extensively in Europe, attempt to speak French and Spanish and I feel comfortable as a citizen of a member country of the EC. I was in Berlin during the momentous events leading up to the fall of the Berlin Wall. On unification night Elgar as well as

## Right to silence

From Mr Adrian Zuckerman

Sir, There is nothing wrong with expecting a suspect to answer questions, provided the interrogation is fair (letters, March 24, 31). But the Criminal Justice Act 1994 makes no provision for the fairness.

One of the most basic requirements of fairness is that before being required to defend oneself one should be given information about the case that one has to answer. Moreover, it is inherently unsafe to build a case on what a suspect says on being arrested, when he may be nervous, emotional and confused.

Solicitors would therefore be just-

ified to advise clients to reserve their reaction until they have calmed down and until the police have put their cards on the table.

No doubt, this may help some guilty persons escape punishment. But for as long as we believe that it is better to let ten guilty go free than convict one innocent, this is the price we have to pay for fair and just procedures.

It should also be remembered that, should we be unfortunate enough to be taken to a police station, each and every one of us would like to receive fair treatment.

Yours truly,  
A. ZUCKERMAN,  
University College, Oxford.  
March 24.

From Mr Michael Saxby

Sir, Travel within the group of seven Schengen nations no longer incurs checks at national frontiers. However, the police in each Schengen nation will be able to demand proof of identity anywhere within its own borders (report, March 25). It seems that the freedom to cross borders without a passport is to be bought at the cost of having to carry identity documents all the time.

I am more than happy to carry a passport when I cross to France, but I want to retain the freedom to walk to my village shop without carrying an identity card. We must not concede that freedom under pressure from Brussels.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL SAXBY,  
Southlands, Snowmarket Road,  
Woolpit, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.  
March 31.

## Planning maze

From Mr G. Roland Adamson

Sir, The latest planning fiasco reported in your columns ("Oast restorer takes local dispute to Strasbourg", March 21), involving the rebuilding of an oast house, clearly demonstrates that the planning system in this country is long overdue for public scrutiny.

The number of planning appeals reported in the press is totally insignificant compared to those which occur on a country-wide basis — almost 20,000 every year, using the Department of the Environment's own statistics.

Any planning code which permits the designation of a ruin, refurbished to a useful purpose, as "a dangerous planning precedent" and which states that it must be demolished "in the national interest" is clearly more deserving of authorship by Lewis Carroll than by sensible and caring administrators.

Yours faithfully,  
G. ROLAND ADAMSON,  
Ivy Cottage, Charing Hill,  
Charing, Ashford, Kent.  
March 23.

Age plateau  
From Dr T. C. Dann  
Sir, Dr Simon Wessely is wrong in stating that the age of puberty, after having fallen steadily since the middle of the last century, has now reached a plateau ("Are we really getting more miserable?", March 21). He does not say whether he is discussing puberty in boys, girls or both, but presumably he means girls, since most of the data available concerns them.

Professor D. F. Roberts and I have shown in several articles, the latest in the *Journal of Biosocial Science*, 1993, volume 25, that the trend towards earlier menarche (puberty in girls) was reversed about twenty years ago and the age is now not steady, but in fact slowly increasing.

Yours sincerely,  
T. C. DANN,  
37 Balsall Street East,  
Balsall Common, West Midlands.  
March 21.

Matter of taste  
From Mr A. H. Lee  
Sir, Mrs Genian Walls remarks (letter, March 31) that vegetarians rarely respect courtesy to visitors by offering "a decent piece of meat".

I fear there is no such thing.

Yours faithfully,  
A. H. LEE,  
3 Broad Street, Llandoverly, Dyfed.  
April 2.

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## Advantages of single-sex schools

From the Principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College

Sir, Charles Bush, the Headmaster of Eastbourne College, writes (letter, March 30) of the college's decision to admit girls. However, the modern world, unfortunately, is not one "where both sexes compete equally". In fact, women still struggle for equal recognition of their talents and abilities.

In a girls' school all is provided for girls — laboratories, libraries and sports facilities. There is no question of some subjects being boys' subjects, nor is there any danger of them abandoning the computer room under male pressure.

Most girls will do better in an environment where they can take all the responsibilities and leadership roles and see female role models in senior positions. They need time and opportunity to build up their confidence before discovering that, as Nigel Lawson put it, "the male ego is a fragile thing and cannot cope with female competition" (March 28) and risk being put out of the race before they are even in it.

Yours faithfully,  
ENID CASTLE,  
Principal,  
The Cheltenham Ladies' College,  
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.  
April 2.

From Mr M. B. Fisher

Sir, In his justification of co-education, or his school's decision to opt for it, the Headmaster of Eastbourne College leaves unanswered two questions. Why do the league tables unambiguously show that the highest attainment is to be found at single-sex schools? And why did our predecessors, who created the schools which we inherit, segregate the sexes at adolescence?

It is not good enough to talk about co-education as a "trend" which is "gathering momentum" and which "mirrors" society. Education has suffered enough from this kind of language.

## Judges' retirement age

From His Honour Judge Richard Holman

Sir, There is no sound reason to suppose that judges are any better than other people at deciding for themselves when to retire (report, March 29). There is always the danger of staying on too long, and in my view a compulsory retirement age and the lowering of that age for judges are both unobjectionable.

Indeed, although I am entitled to sit until I am 72, I am happy to indicate publicly to the Lord Chancellor that I envisage hanging up my wig and making way for a younger, fresher mind rather earlier than that.

Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD HOLMAN,  
Queen Elizabeth II Law Courts,  
Derby Square, Liverpool 2.  
March 29.

## Fishing dispute

From Mr Walter Cairns

Sir, Señor Torrents dels Prats is perfectly right (letter, March 30). We should not rely on sentiment when assessing the rights and wrongs of the current fishing dispute between the EU and Canada. The issues must be assessed solely and purely on their own merits, which concern conservation of fishing, regardless of the nationality of the perpetrator.

It was right for Iceland to defy international rules in 1972, and it is right for the Canadians to do the same now. More than once, international law has proved unequal to certain situations, and has ultimately sanctioned practices originally classified as illegal because they fully exposed the shortcomings in the applicable rules.

I am confident that a similar fate

awaits the courageous action taken by the Canadian authorities.

Yours sincerely,  
WALTER CAIRNS,  
Broomhurst Hall,  
836 Wilmslow Road, Manchester 20.  
March 30.

From Mr George Rose

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If the Canadian High Commission were to establish a fund to pay for a fisheries protection vessel, I promise to be the first in the queue.

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15a Grove Road, Sutton, Surrey.  
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RICHARD ADDIS  
(Volunteer fundraiser), RSVP,  
237 Pentonville Road, NI.  
March 30.

awaits the courageous action taken by the Canadian authorities.

Yours sincerely,  
WALTER CAIRNS,  
Broomhurst Hall,  
836 Wilmslow Road, Manchester 20.  
March 30.

From Mr George Rose  
Sir, Every expatriate Newfoundlander like me will give at least two cheers for the British Government's support against sanctions by the European Union.

If the Canadian High Commission were to establish a fund to pay for a fisheries protection vessel, I promise to be the first in the queue.







## OBITUARIES

## REAR-ADMIRAL DAVID WILLIAMS

Rear-Admiral David Williams, CB, DSC, Director General Naval Aircraft, 1962-65, died on March 20 aged 84. He was born on January 27, 1911.

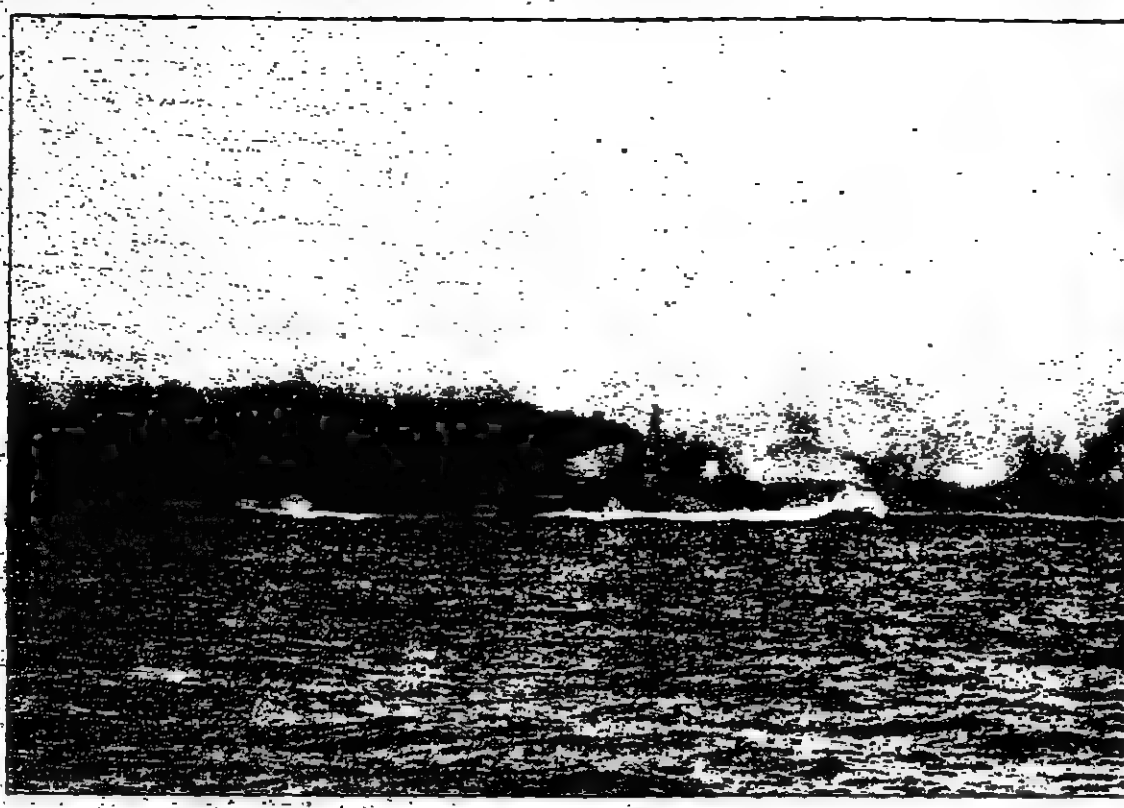
THE Distinguished Service Cross and four mentions in dispatches earned by David Williams in three arduous years as engineer officer of the destroyer *Hasty* were an uncommon tribute to one of his profession. Unlike the officers and men of the executive branch on the bridge and decks, who might be comforted by the notion that an escape from the violence of the enemy was at least theoretically possible if the ship was sunk, the engineer fought his battles below the waterline in the claustrophobic spaces of engine and boiler rooms.

Down there, with the shock of unseen explosions — even those from mines — often magnified by their transmission through water, nerves of steel were required calmly to go through the motions vital to maintaining steam to the turbines as the ship manoeuvred violently, under attack. Sudden, terminal damage to the ship meant, as all knew, entombment for those trapped in the machinery spaces.

*HMS Hasty* had a quite remarkable career in the Mediterranean from the moment she was deployed there in the summer of 1940, after having joined the war on the Axis side. In the three years before she fell victim to a German torpedo she took part in some desperate convoy actions; shore bombardments; battles with the ships of the Italian navy; and attacks on U-boats. To keep her fully functioning at sea without serious mechanical problems throughout this taxing period was Williams's great achievement.

David Anthony Williams joined the Navy in 1929 from Cheltenham College and graduated in 1934 from the naval engineering college at Keyham, Plymouth. His pre-war career was spent in battleships in the Home Fleet and training artificer apprentices at Chatham.

He joined *Hasty* in June 1939. The ship's eventual war started in the South Atlantic with the capture of two German blockade runners. Moving to the Mediterranean in June



Williams and the Battle of Cape Matapan, 1941: opening phase, British cruisers and destroyers lay down smoke screens

noted for his cheerful fostering of good relations with local people.

In June 1962 he was appointed Director General (Aircraft) in the Admiralty. The major issues occupying him were the exploratory work towards the use of vertical take-off aircraft in carriers and the purchase of the American F4 Phantom fighter. The acquisition of the Rolls-Royce engine version of the F4 was seen then as a late vote of confidence in the Navy's carrier programme — though this was to be set aside in the mid-1960s by defence economies.

Retiring in 1965, Williams was appointed CB. Among other activities, he was a member of the Civil Service Commission interview panel. An engineer of influence, Williams was described by a contemporary as being "enormously gregarious" — not a man to miss a party or reunion. He will be greatly missed at the final closure dinner at the Royal Naval Engineering College at Plymouth in May which he had planned with his son, who is engineer officer of the Royal Yacht *Britannia*.

David Williams married, in 1951, Susan, widow of Surgeon-Commander H. Kempthorne. She died in 1987; he is survived by his two stepdaughters and their son.

## CHRISTOPHER FALKUS

Christopher Falkus, publisher, died of a heart attack on March 29 aged 55. He was born on January 13, 1940.

CHRISTOPHER FALKUS was the kind of publisher who is loved by his authors. He was always at hand when needed, with his enthusiasm, his encouragement and his painstaking advice.

He was one of the twin sons of the naturalist Hugh Falkus. After attending St Boniface's College, Plymouth, he went on to University College London, where he took a first and won the Derby Prize for history (the previous winner had been G. R. Elton). From 1964-10 1968 he was a lecturer in British and European history at the University of Queensland.

His move into publishing came through his editorship, after he returned to England, of two part-works for the British Printing Corporation: *A History of the 20th Century* and *A History of the English-Speaking Peoples*. In 1970, at the age of 30, he was snapped up by George Weidenfeld and made head of the art and illustrated book division of Weidenfeld & Nicolson. He was so successful there that two years later he became managing director of the firm.

Lady Antonia Fraser described how Weidenfeld said to her one day at about this time: "I have a bright young man who wants to put a proposition to you." She asked to be excused because she was busy writing a book, but Weidenfeld begged her to let him come. In the course of their meeting, Falkus — for it was he — won her over with his "gift of enthusiasm," as she called it, and persuaded her to take on the editorship of his first great brainchild, the 30-volume series of *The Kings and Queens of England*. It was a spectacular success, with not a single volume selling fewer than 200,000 copies. Falkus himself wrote the *Charles II* volume, and his wife Gila the *Queen Anne*.

He worked closely at Weidenfeld with other authors of the Pakenham family including Lady Antonia's mother Elizabeth Longford and her brother Thomas Pakenham, both of them also historians. He developed both a sporting and a humourist list: the latter included Morecombe and Wise, the Goodies, John Cleese and "Henry Root".

His manner of working was informal, but it led to harmonious staff relationships at Weidenfeld and also at Associated Book Publishers, which he joined, as chairman of Methuen General Books, in 1980. At Methuen he built up a remarkable children's list, and introduced a series of joint ventures with Thames Television which led to the publication of *The World at War* and *The 10,000 Year War*. Sue Townsend, Leslie Thomas and Jilly Cooper were among other authors he published.

A particular success at Methuen was *Families and How to Survive Them* (1983) by John Cleese and Robin Skynner, on which he worked closely with the authors. Robin Skynner has described how, just as they were finishing the book, Falkus remarked: "This is supposed to be a book about families, but there's not a word about brothers and sisters in it." Skynner concluded that he and Cleese had unconsciously avoided all mention of possible sibling rivals — but that Falkus, as a twin, could not be so forgetful. A new section was speedily added.

At the beginning of 1988 Falkus started working for Robert Maxwell as managing director of the Macdonald Group of publishers, where he was also required to help with the "authorised" biography of Maxwell by Joe Haines. He resigned after eight weeks. In the summer of that year he returned to Weidenfeld & Nicolson as publishing director and remained there until 1992.

At the end of 1991 he had a heart attack, and had another one in January 1992. He retired the following May though he continued to write



and edit from home, and worked with Cleese and Skynner on a sequel to the *Families* book *Life and How to Survive It* (1993).

Falkus was a keen sportsman. He was a county tennis player for Devon with his twin brother Malcolm, a member of the MCC and a supporter of Arsenal with an encyclopaedic knowledge of the club's history. He was also an enthusiastic, if erratic, pianist, who liked accompanying his friends and children on their cellos and violins. They did not mind if he got the left hand wrong.

However, he did not care much for the conventional duties. Once, when he was on a Suzuki weekend music course with one of his daughters, he enraged the other parents by bringing a puppy to the washing-up that had been allotted to him, and had to soothe them with copious bottles of red wine.

He married Margaret Mathias in 1965, and they had a son and a daughter. After the marriage was dissolved, he married Gila Curtis in 1977 and they too had a son and a daughter. Both his wives and all his four children survive him.

## SIR JOHN TERRY

Sir John Terry, solicitor and managing director of the National Film Finance Corporation, 1958-78, died on March 29 aged 81. He was born on June 11, 1913.

LIKE his own favourite screen character, Groucho Marx, John Terry was never lost for a bon mot. One of the most irreverent recruits ever to enter the law, it was not surprising that he chose to practise in the essentially anarchic world of film and television, nor that he rapidly left law behind to become a key figure in financing the growth of the British film industry.

After leaving Mill Hill, Terry took articles with Denton Hall & Burgin, obtained an external London degree in law and was admitted a solicitor in 1937. A lifelong pacifist, on the outbreak of war he volunteered to join the London Fire

Service at Sobo fire station, then so ill-prepared that his crew's first fire appliance was a commandeered taxi towing a pump. It was a scene straight from the *Carry On* films he would later promote.

They acquired a fire engine in time for the height of the Blitz in 1940, through which Terry served with great courage. But after being trapped in the blazing ruins of a garage in an air raid, he was invalided out and spent the remainder of the war in the Friends' Ambulance Unit and the National Council of Social Service, working with those made homeless by the bombing.

From 1946 to 1949 he worked as a solicitor for the Film Producers' Guild and then the Rank Organisation. In 1949 he joined the new National Film Finance Corporation (NFFC), launched by Atlee's young President of the



Board of Trade, Harold Wilson. Its function was to make loans for the production of British films, with the aim of rescuing the industry.

Terry had found his life's work. By 1956 he was secretary to the corporation and became its managing director

in 1958, a role he filled for twenty years with élan, vision and judgment. He was good at picking winners and some projects turned into screen classics. The NFFC became a major factor in developing new talent, including directors such as Alan Parker, Ridley Scott and Michael Apted.

Audiences round the world might never hear of John Terry, but they flocked to films he helped to launch. These included *Get Carter*, *Room at the Top*, *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning*, *Bugsy Malone*, *Morgan* — a *Suitable Case for Treatment*, and *Star dust*. The range was eclectic, from Joseph Losey's *Accident* and *The Servant* to Hammer horror. The film business became a significant exporter.

He was also concerned to secure the future of an industry that can be alarmingly fluid. Involved in the establishment of the National Film

School, he was one of its governors from 1970 to 1981; and of the London International Film School, 1982-90. In 1975 Harold Wilson asked Terry to chair the Prime Minister's working party on the future of the British film industry.

With Wilson's resignation as Prime Minister in 1976, some of the more radical recommendations, such as the establishment of a British Film Authority to take over the film functions of DTI and the Department for Education, were not acted on. But the work of promoting government support continued in the interim action committee on the film industry, with Lord Wilson as chairman and Terry as its deputy, until 1985; and then through the British Screen Advisory Council, which remains the industry's main interface with government. Lord Aizenborough

described Terry's contribution as "an indefatigable crusader for British cinema, a wise and trusted guru for us all".

John Terry was knighted in 1976 and retired from NFFC in 1978. Although already 65, he was invited to rejoin Denton Hall & Burgin as a consultant in film law and continued to work there several days a week, almost up to his death. He acted for the Indian Government in the production of *Gandhi*.

He also became an energetic governor of the Royal National College for the Blind. In 1983 he moved to Branscombe in Devon, joining the church choir and the local opera society, and bringing to the village the generous personality that made him so well-liked in the film industry.

He was married for 55 years to Joan Fell, who survives him together with their son and daughter.

## LADY DUKE

Lady Duke, diplomatic business and social patron, died on March 14 aged 82. She was born on September 22, 1912.

MORAG DUKE was a diplomat's wife, film actress and supporter of the arts. She claimed to have been the only future ambassador's wife to have been tipped by a future monarch, when the Duke of York — later King George VI — heard her playing the balalaika with a white Russian orchestra at the Troika, a Russian restaurant in London, in 1936. She was a beautiful young woman who remained elegant throughout her life.

Morag Craigie Grant, as she was born, was the daughter of Captain Patrick Grant whose family home was in Scotland. Like many diplo-

mat's children Morag was born overseas, in her case in the Indian hill station of Simla. She was educated at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Southampton.

Afterwards she appeared in a number of Alexander Korda films under the stage name Craigie Doone, among them *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (1933) and *Rembrandt* (1936) both with Charles Laughton. She then returned to India to marry Charles Beresford Duke, the assistant private secretary to two successive Viceroy of India — the Marquess of Willingdon and the Marquess of Linlithgow — in Delhi Cathedral in 1937.

During the Second World War Duke was posted to the North-West Frontier Province as secretary to the Governor, 1940-41. After Independence



her husband entered the foreign service and Morag accompanied him on numerous Middle East postings, including Persia and Cairo. He ended his career as Ambassa-

dor to Jordan and finally to Morocco, retiring in 1961. He was created CBE in 1954 and KCMG in 1956.

Meanwhile Morag had found herself a job representing a cosmetics company, Cyclax, in which capacity she spent some months each year in Australia and New Zealand. Later she joined Moët et Chandon, managing their chateau in France. It was through this that, in the early 1970s, she met Archie Newman, the larger-than-life fundraiser for the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Newman brought her on board, to help to swell the orchestra's coffers with her excellent connections, and she served on various patrons' committees thereafter.

Her husband died in 1978 and she leaves two daughters.

## IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

LAMBORN - Anne Rachel (née Wilson) 8th April 1904. Valued and missed by many. Buried in France.

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## NEWS

## Major interview banned in Scotland

■ Opposition parties won a court battle to prevent the BBC from broadcasting a *Panorama* interview with the Prime Minister in Scotland because it was three days before the elections new unitary local authorities.

The Conservatives were accused of trying to bully the BBC into more favourable coverage and the Court of Session in Edinburgh upheld the argument that the programme could prejudice the election outcome. Pages 1, 2, 8, 16

## Sixth-form vouchers may be issued

■ Plans to issue education vouchers worth up to £8,000 to sixth formers will be examined by a group of Cabinet ministers later this week in an attempt to make schools, colleges and employers more responsive to the career ambitions of young people. Pages 1, 17

## Meeting refused

John Major has declined to meet the mother of Nicholas Ingram, the convicted murderer with dual British and American nationality who is due to be executed on Thursday. Page 1

## Major's Boswell

Martin Gilbert, the historian and only outsider in the Prime Minister's official party in Washington, is being seen as John Major's Boswell. Page 1

## Lunch protest

A trial at the Old Bailey was halted after four prisoners complained their lunch of tinned sausages was inadequate and that they were hungry. Page 1

## CS gas attack

A schoolboy accused of rape launched a CS gas attack on a bus to force a 16-year-old girl into his clutches, an Old Bailey jury was told. Page 3

## Court fees rise

People using the civil courts will face huge fee rises in the next few months to raise an extra £20 million towards running the courts service, including the cost of the judges. Page 6

## Facing the criticism

The trade of abuse launched against critics by comedian Tony Slattery on Sunday night has been welcomed by actors and borne bravely by the reviewers he named. Page 5

## Fragile truce ends baseball strike

■ American baseball has returned from the dead after a 234-day strike that has cost an estimated \$800 million. Major League Baseball Owners announced that the season would start, 24 days late, on April 26. The players' union has gone back without a collective bargaining agreement however, leaving open the possibility of another strike. Page 11

## Superbug warning

A superbug that is resistant to all antibiotics could soon emerge in hospital wards, a specialist told a meeting of microbiologists at Bath. Page 7

## Le Pen revival

The latest twist in the constantly surprising French presidential election campaign is the revival of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the National Front. Page 10

## US plea fails

Russia has rejected a personal appeal from William Perry, the United States Defence Secretary, to cancel a planned sale of nuclear reactors to Iran. Page 11

## Hitler riddle 'solved'

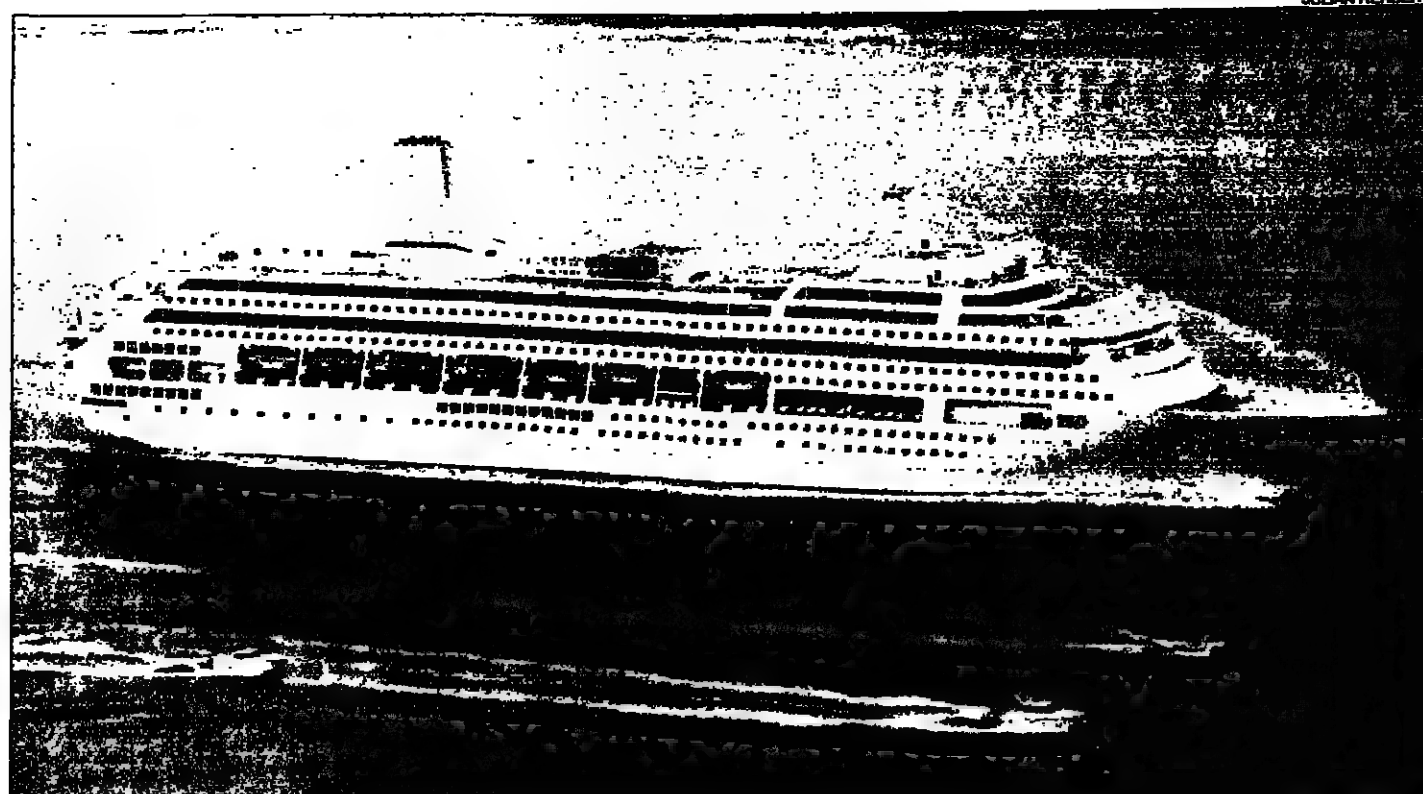
The riddle of Adolf Hitler's bones appears to have been solved by the discovery of secret correspondence between KGB chief Yuri Andropov and former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. Page 10

## Aid abuse claim

Trust extremists inside Burundi's ruling coalition are manipulating international relief efforts into providing food for radical militias, aid workers and diplomats said. Page 13

## Gulf peace talks

For the first time since unrest began to rock Bahrain last year, the ruling Emir has held high-level talks in an attempt to restore calm before an economic conference. Page 13



P&O's new liner Oriana, the flagship of Britain's passenger fleet, arriving yesterday at Southampton, her home port. Page 6

## BUSINESS

**Barings:** Peter Barings and Andrew Tuckey, chairman and deputy chairman of collapsed merchant bank Barings, have resigned, marking the first boardroom departures from an organisation brought to its knees five weeks ago by huge trading losses in the Far East. Page 21

**Executive pay:** High salary rises for top executives are likely to stoke up workers' expectations of bigger increases, the conciliation service Acas said. Page 21

**Markets:** The FT-SE 100 index climbed 52 points to close at 3,143.1. Sterling's trade weighted index fell from 85.3 to 85.1 as the pound slipped from \$1.6280 to \$1.6170 and from DM2.2271 to DM2.2191. Page 24

**Yachting:** Dennis Conner and his *Stars & Stripes* team have a sudden-death play-off against Bill Koch's *Mighty Mary* to reach the defenders finals in the America's Cup. Page 40

**Cricket:** West Indies are faced with a crisis of confidence after losing the first Test by ten wickets to Australia in Barbados. Page 40

**Rugby league:** A battle between the Australian Rugby League and a proposed ten-team super league is threatening to divide the professional game. Page 40

**Rugby union:** Paul Hull, the Bristol full back who missed selection for England's World Cup squad, has been appointed captain of the A party to tour Australia. Page 36

**Still going strong:** Robertson Davies has no time for the image of old age as a mellow sunset of nostalgia. He's still writing novels at the age of 81, and they're still hot and strong. Page 28

**Grateful:** Pavel Smok has cause to be grateful to the Communist Party in the old Czechoslovakia. It gave him the money to start his ballet company, which comes to London this week. Page 28

**User-friendly:** An interactive show at the Serpentine Gallery in London draws the crowds but fails to engage the intellect. Page 29

**Out of their minds:** *Transcending*, Harry Gibson's adaptation of Irvine Welsh's novel, now at London's Bush Theatre, is a grim tale of no-hopers. Page 29

**Beryl Bainbridge:** The author of *An Awfully Big Adventure* talks to Robert Tewdwr Moss about life, death and tuxidermy. Page 15

**Death Row lawyer:** A British lawyer who has defended more than 200 inmates on Death Row is trying to save the life of Nicholas Ingram. Page 15

**Driving us crazy:** Acute intermittent porphyria, believed to be the reason behind George III's madness, is still a puzzle. Page 14

**Magisterial views:** The Home Secretary seems to favour a bigger role for magistrates in determining what happens to defendants. Do magistrates agree? Page 31

**Major League Baseball:** Has been forced to snap out of its stupor by the resumption of baseball is cheering news for fans, many of whom feared a summer-time choice between lawn-mowing and watching hapless replacement players. *The New York Times*

**Does the United States have a "special relationship" with Britain?** The British certainly believe that we do. Americans tend to live in blissful ignorance of such. *The Washington Times*

**Rear-Admiral David Williams,** director-general, Naval Aircraft, 1962-65; Christopher Falkon, publisher, Sir John Terry, managing director of the National Film Finance Corporation, 1958-78; Lady Drake, diplomatic hostess and music patron. Page 19

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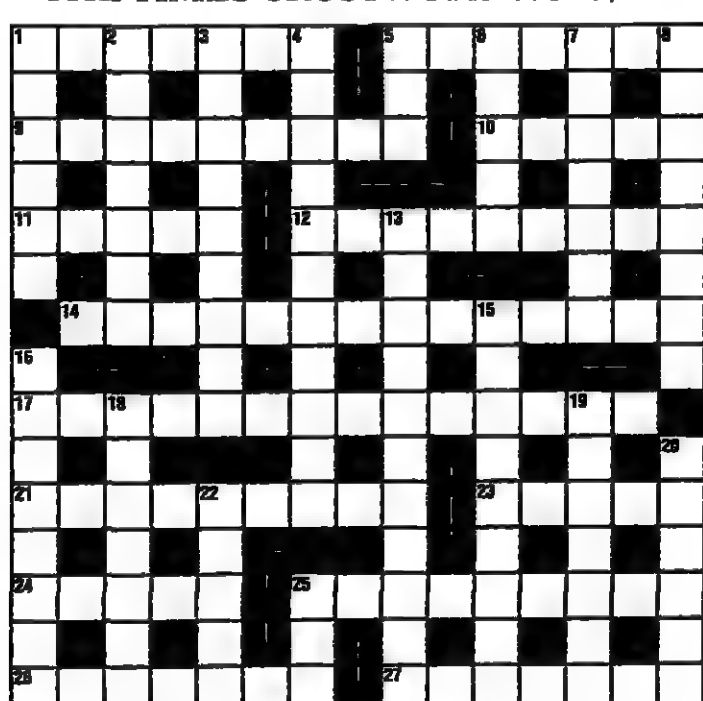
Iain R. Webb on the wild allure of elegant tailoring in extravagant fabrics

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  - Part produced by writer returning to house (5)
  - Lives and die in one time habit of submission (9)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,819

ABRUPT ADOPTION  
FASHIONABLE  
ELEGANT  
CARNATIONS MISS  
TITILLATING  
INSTANT CLEMENT  
OCEANIC  
NATTER BOISTER  
ICARUS  
ROBE MINUTEHAND  
ALANSON  
POTTING TREASURE  
TALENTED  
DONATORY REGRESS

- DOWN**
- Writer unhesitatingly describing Andersen, perhaps? (6)
  - Enliven soldier with cheeky manner (7)
  - Waterproof given by sailor to girl out east (9)
  - Attitude adopted in a coin of vantage (5,2,4)
  - A gullible type to attack and rob (3)
  - Music group not encountered outside Tyneside (5)
  - It gives sound assistance in finding a milk supplier (7)
  - A good score for the boss (5,3)
  - Plump woman going in to obtain a camping requisite (11)
  - Rising hunter beheaded outside East Acton, say? (9)
  - Sort of status on board worth referring to? (5)
  - Notes name to act as a reminder (7)
  - Stretch of water containing vessels (7)
  - Somnolent general captured by undercover agent (6)
  - Drink causing expressions of surprise in England and Scotland (5)
  - Bird's cry reported by a cockney (3)

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## HIGHEST &amp; LOWEST

Sunday's highest and lowest temperatures in the UK

Region	Highest	Lowest
Greater London	15.0	8.0
East Angles	14.0	7.0
East of England	13.0	6.0
East Midlands	12.0	5.0
East of Scotland	11.0	4.0
East of Wales	10.0	3.0
East of Ireland	9.0	2.0
East of France	8.0	1.0
East of Germany	7.0	0.0
East of Spain	6.0	-1.0
East of Italy	5.0	-2.0
East of Greece	4.0	-3.0
East of Turkey	3.0	-4.0
East of Russia	2.0	-5.0
East of China	1.0	-6.0
East of Japan	0.0	-7.0
East of Korea	-1.0	-8.0
East of India	-2.0	-9.0
East of Australia	-3.0	-10.0
East of New Zealand	-4.0	-11.0

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## FORECAST

■ General: much of England and Wales will have another dry day, but there will be a lot of cloud and some patchy rain or drizzle in the north and west. Sunny spells will develop in the south. Temperatures will be lower than recently but winds lighter. Northern Scotland will be bright at first but cloud and rain in the south and Northern Ireland will spread northwards with snow on the hills. It may be windy for a time, but temperatures in the north will recover to near normal.

■ London, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands, E England, Central W: cloudy start, bright or sunny spells developing. Wind west or southwest light or moderate. Max 16C (59F).

■ Central & E England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England: mostly cloudy. Hill fog, local drizzle. Wind southwest moderate. Max 13C (55F).

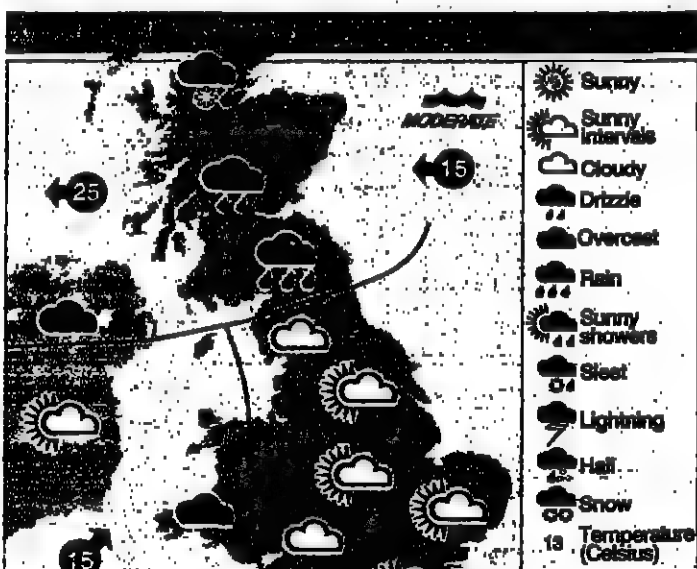
■ Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, Northern Ireland: cloudy. Rain at times, especially in morning. Wind south or south-west mainly moderate. Max 11C (52F).

■ NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee: rather cloudy, some rain later. Wind southeast becoming southwest mainly moderate. Max 12C (54F).

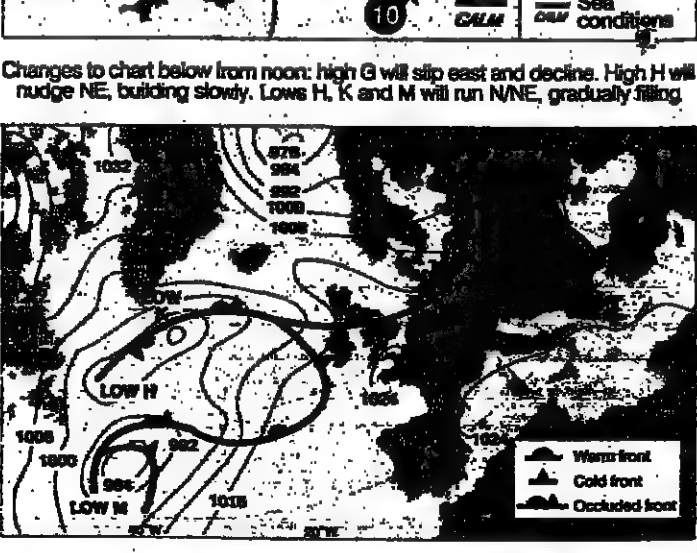
■ Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney: bright start, rain later. Snow on hills. Wind light variable becoming southeast fresh. Max 8C (46F).

■ Shetland: sunny intervals, snow showers dying out. Wind north backing southeast fresh, briefly light.

■ Outlook: becoming warmer and mainly dry as pressure builds from the south.



Changes to chart below from noon: high G will slip east and decline. High H will nudge NE, building slowly. Low H, K and M will run NNE, gradually filling.



Region	AM	HT	PM	HT	Region	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	London	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Aberdeen	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Aberdeen	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Amsterdam	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Amsterdam	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Belfast	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Belfast	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Birmingham	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Birmingham	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Bristol	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Bristol	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Cardiff	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Cardiff	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Edinburgh	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Edinburgh	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Exeter	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Exeter	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Glasgow	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Glasgow	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Harwich	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Harwich	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Holyhead	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Holyhead	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Isle of Man	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Isle of Man	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Leeds	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Leeds	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Liverpool	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Liverpool	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Manchester	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Manchester	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Newcastle	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Newcastle	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Nottingham	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Nottingham	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Oldbury	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Oldbury	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Orkney	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Orkney	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Perth	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Perth	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Portsmouth	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Portsmouth	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
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Sheffield	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Sheffield	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Southampton	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Southampton	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Stirling	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Stirling	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Torquay	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Torquay	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
Weymouth	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14	Weymouth	6.38	4.14	5.94	4.14
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# THE TIMES

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## Baring and Tuckey quit without pay

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

PETER BARING and Andrew Tuckey, the chairman and deputy chairman of Baring's, the City merchant bank that collapsed five weeks ago, have resigned.

Their departure yesterday was interpreted as a matter of honour. It was seen as an admission of their responsibility for the events that led to the failure of the bank, though not of liability. Internationale Nederlanden Groep (ING), the Dutch banking group that bought Baring's from its administrators, said it accepted their resignations "with regret".

They are understood to have received no payments for loss of office and did not ask for any. When ING bought Baring's last month, both waived their rights to bonus payments for 1994. However, they will receive payments to cover the three-month notice periods for their contracts with Baring Brothers & Co, the merchant bank.

ING bought Baring's in a \$660 million rescue at the beginning of March after the bank ran up losses of \$860 million from trading in financial futures and options in Japan and Singapore.

There had been a growing feeling among staff and clients that Baring's investment activities ought to step down and there was mounting criticism at their apparent reluctance to do so. One Baring's merchant banker said: "It is wholly inappropriate to incur losses of this size without someone taking responsibility. You do not make \$1.2 million as chairman without taking responsibility."

A spokesman for Baring's said the two had in fact offered their resignations last month when ING bought the bank, but that they were persuaded to stay on. He said: "They resigned as a matter of principle, not as a matter of blame."

Since the ING takeover, they had worked to integrate Baring's with the ING group, he said.

Since the Baring's collapse on February 27, rival merchant banks have been stalking the bank's clients. Baring Asset Management is believed to be the only business to have suffered — it lost 2 per cent of its assets under management when two of its clients moved their business.

Most clients, however, have waited to see if the fund managers and corporate financiers who handle their business decide to stay before making any decision to move.

Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey had planned to stay on until the Bank of England published its report on the Baring's collapse. But Eddie George, Bank Governor, said last week that the first instalment will not be ready until the end of May, so they decided not to wait.

ING said it will wait for the report before making any decisions on the future of other staff. However, several other people are expected to go once the report is published — one estimate yesterday put the number likely to go at between 12 and 20.

One Baring's director said some employees would have talked to their lawyers who "would have advised that any kind of resignation before the report would be seen as an admission of liability."

The Bank's report will detail events in Singapore and examine the role played by Baring's senior futures trader Nick Leeson, who is currently in prison in Frankfurt and fighting an extradition attempt by the Singaporean authorities.

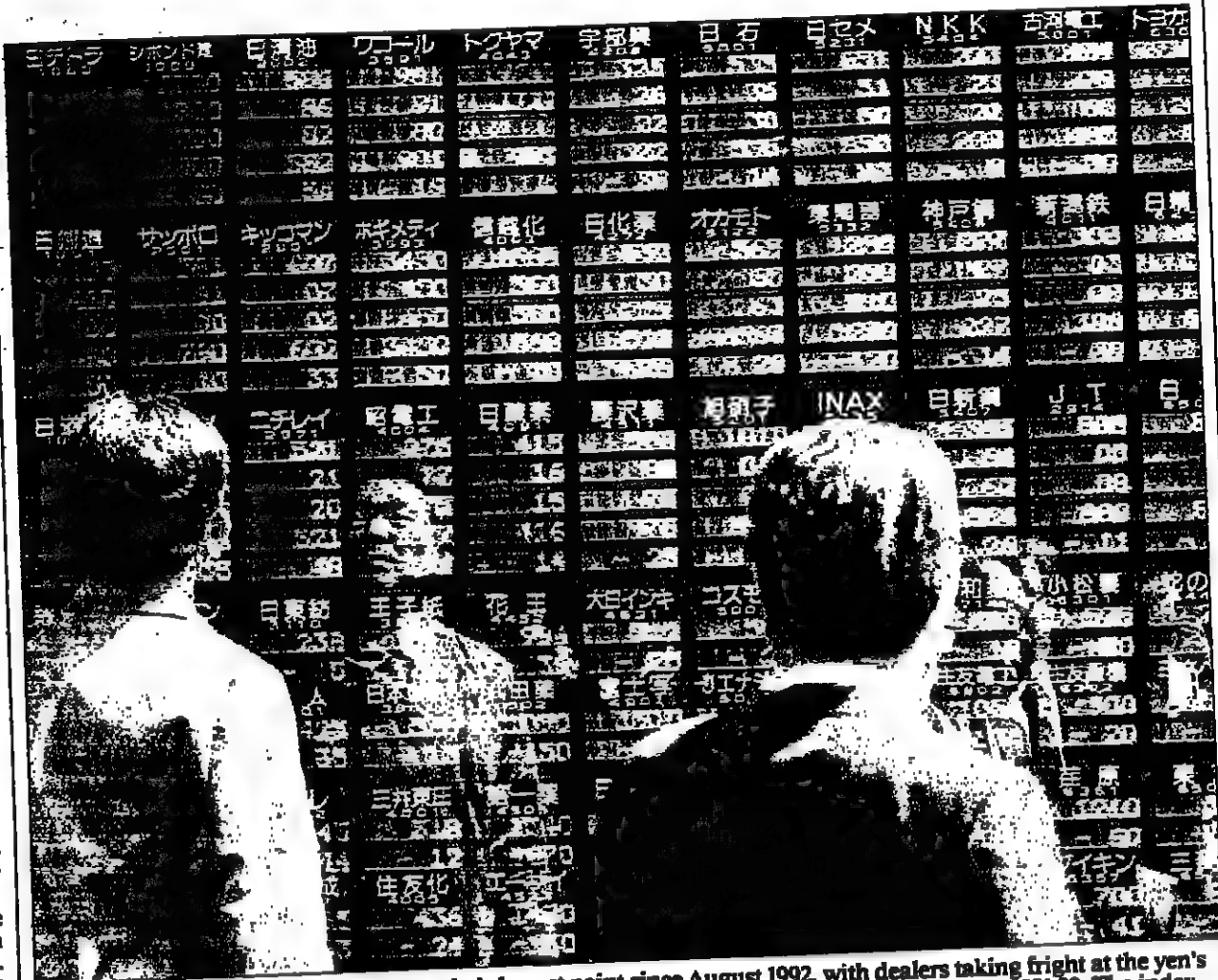
It will also examine the role of Baring's management in both Singapore and London. Some of the London executives sanctioned huge cash transfers to support Mr Leeson's trading positions.

Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey resigned as directors of Baring's plc and also as members of the committees currently conducting the management of Baring's.

However, Mr Tuckey will stay on as a consultant to Baring's corporate finance business. His consultancy fees were yesterday said to be still under negotiation.

Michael Miles, an executive director of Baring's, and Onno van den Broek, a director of ING, will become joint chairmen of the management committee of Baring Brothers Limited.

## All victims of the mighty yen



Red alert: Japanese stocks plunged to their lowest point since August 1992, with dealers taking fright at the yen's strength against the dollar. The Nikkei 225 share index fell 758.66 points, or 4.7 per cent, to 15,381.29. The index has fallen 22 per cent since January. Dealers predict further falls unless the Bank of Japan cuts its discount rate.

### BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES		
FT-SE 100	3143.1	(+5.9)
Yield	4.3%	
FT-SE All share	1540.81	(+1.97)
Nikkei	15381.29	(-758.66)
New York		
Dow Jones	4164.28	(+6.57)
S&P Composite	500.88	(+0.15)
US RATE		
Federal Funds	6 1/4%	(8%)
Long Bond	102 1/8%	(102%)
Yield	7.39%	(7.44%)
LONDON MONEY		
3-month interbank	6 1/4%	(6%)
Libor long gilt	10 3/4%	(10 1/2%)
Future (June)		
STERLING		
New York	1.5168	(1.5228)
London		
DM	1.9178	(1.9280)
DM	2.2190	(2.2297)
FF	7.7780	(7.7790)
SP	1.2168	(1.2161)
Yen	159.58	(160.72)
£ Index	88.0	(88.3)
DOLLAR		
London		
DM	1.3733	(1.3730)
FF	4.8159	(4.8090)
SP	1.1238	(1.1258)
Yen	88.20	(88.20)
£ Index	89.1	(89.0)
Tokyo close Yen	87.00	
NORTH SEA OIL		
Brent 15-day (June)	\$17.10	(\$17.20)
GOLD		
London close	\$382.48	(\$382.05)
* denotes midday trading price		

## Seagram's star-struck head shoots for MCA

By Eric Reguly

SPECULATION mounted on Wall Street yesterday that the Seagram Company, one of the world's biggest distributors, is preparing to buy the Hollywood studio MCA from its Japanese owner.

Newspaper reports said that Seagram, whose portfolio includes Clives Regal scotch, Tropicana orange juice, and Mumm's champagne, would finance the MCA purchase by selling its 24.4 per cent stake in du Pont, North America's leading chemicals producer, for about \$10 billion. One report said the du Pont sale, which would produce a profit of \$7 billion, would be announced in two weeks.

Neither Seagram nor Matsushita, the Japanese consumer electronics conglomerate that owns MCA, would comment. It is widely known, however, that Matsushita might welcome the opportunity to make a graceful exit from Hollywood, an expensive experiment for the Japanese.

Yoichi Morishita, MCA's president, recently said: "There might be some possibilities in the future regarding its MCA ownership. The company bought MCA for \$6.6 billion in 1990 as part of its strategy of combining 'hardware' — its own electronics products, such as video machines, with 'software' — entertainment such as films. MCA owns Universal Pictures, producer of hits as *James Bond*, *Back to the Future*, as well as Universal Television and Geffen Records.

American analysts said MCA might carry a price tag of \$10 billion. Other potential bidders are said to include Philips, the Dutch electronics group that owns PolyGram records, TCI, the largest American cable company, and Bertelsmann, the German publisher.

Seagram appears to be a strong contender partly because its president, Edgar Bronfman Jr., the grandson of the Prohibition-era rum runner that founded the company, has Hollywood in his blood. Mr Bronfman, 39, a close friend of Sir David Putnam, the Oscar-winning producer of *Chariots of Fire*, worked as a movie producer before being hired to Seagram. His best-known effort was a 1982 Jack Nicholson film called *The Border*.

Mr Bronfman joined Seagram in 1984 and later, as president, engineered several large acquisitions, including a 15 per cent stake in Time Warner, the entertainment and publishing group based in New York. In a 1992 interview, Sir David said he nurtured Mr Bronfman's interest in entertainment. "His first love outside business is theatre, then cinema," he said.

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## Rising prices in industry hasten higher base rate

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

PRESSURE for an interest rate rise was reinforced yesterday by new figures showing continuing price rises in industry and strong output growth.

The latest figures from purchasing managers suggested rising inflation pressures and so the need for further increases in interest rates. However, City analysts believe that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, are unlikely to agree to a new rate rise at their monthly meeting tomorrow.

But City forecasters believe that further economic evidence this month is likely to confirm pressure for higher rates, and that another half-point increase in base rates is likely in May.

The latest purchasing managers' figures from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS), published yesterday, suggest continuing price pressures and capacity problems as manufacturing expansion remains strong.

Upward pressure on prices continued, with the CIPS prices index rising from 73.2 in February to 75 in March. Apart from January's 75.2 figure, this is the highest since the survey began.

Over half the purchasing managers surveyed reported further rises in the price of materials, fuels and semi-manufactured goods. Prices were being pushed up by the weakness of sterling, which led to higher import prices, and by supply shortages.

The overall purchasing managers' index edged down to 55.7 from 56.8, but the institute said that it still indicated strong growth in manufacturing.

CIP's headline year-on-year growth in M0, the narrow measure of UK money supply, rose strongly last month, triggered by a leap in bank deposits. M0 rose by a seasonally adjusted 7 per cent in the year to March, far higher than February's 6.2 per cent rate and the 6.6 per cent increase many had predicted. But most of the impetus came from a big increase in bank balances at the Bank of England, which is normal ahead of Easter.

## SE may cut dealers' privileges

THE London Stock Exchange is considering cutting the privileges of market-makers in the wake of the Northern Electric affair.

Swiss Bank Corporation's securities business built up large stakes in regional electricity companies on its own account and to meet contracts ultimately held by Trafalgar House, which bid for Northern.

Listed companies fear that market-makers could abuse exemption from disclosing share stakes above 3 per cent, under the Companies Act 1985, to encourage predators.

In a consultative document, the exchange asks whether the definition of a market-maker might be tightened or the exemptions modified via LSE rules.

The Exchange says that 135 stakes of more than 3 per cent were disclosed to it privately by market-makers last year, against only 21 in 1986. Of the 1994 big holdings, 56 were held for less than five days, but 31 for more than three months. Most were valued at less than £1 million.

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## Second successive boom year for world trade forecast

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

WORLD trade is heading for a second year of strong expansion in 1995, after its best year for nearly two decades, the World Trade Organisation's first annual survey predicts.

The volume of world trade in goods last year expanded by 9 per cent, the fastest rate since 1976 and nearly three times the 3.5 per cent growth in world merchandise output. The value of exports grew by 12 per cent, topping \$4,000 billion for the first time.

The WTO expects 1995 to show above-average growth, though not quite as fast.

Office machinery and telecommunications equipment, a category that includes computers and semi-conductors, now accounts for 11 per cent of world trade after again growing much more strongly than the average. Trade in these high-technology goods is now bigger than the trade in food, fuels or cars, the WTO calculates. The value of trade in services, which usually outpaces goods, grew at only half the rate of merchandise last year.

The biggest boost to trade growth came from Western Europe, where the value of exports and imports grew more than 11 per cent. Western European trade shrank in 1993, restricting the growth in world trade to 3 per cent.

The rising yen again hit Japan's exports. By volume, they grew by only 2 per cent last year, the slowest of any big economy, having changed little in 1992-1993. The volume of Japan's imports, by contrast, grew 13.5 per cent.

Central and Eastern Europe raised export volumes by 11.5 per cent last year, outpaced only by the Far East tigers — Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea — which, with Thailand and Malaysia, were up 15 per cent.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, in a separate survey, estimates that the economies of Eastern Europe grew by an aggregate 4 per cent last year, the first rise since 1989, and should expand at a similar pace this year. In Russia, however, output fell by an estimated 15 per cent in 1994 and is likely to shrink again, albeit more slowly, this year.

## Workers expect to enjoy bosses' big pay rises

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

HIGH salary rises for top executives, especially in privatised utilities, are likely to stoke workers' expectations of bigger pay increases, the conciliation service Acas says today.

The warning from the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the Government's principal employee relations agency, is the first time that any government-linked body has acknowledged the wider impact of the pay rises for privatised utility bosses. Although its council is independent, Acas is funded by the Department of Employment.

Acas also makes clear today that, for the first time since before the recession, dealing with pay disputes now forms more than half its work.

In its annual report, published today, the conciliation service records a "growing controversy" about the "appropriateness of very large additions to the pay of some senior managers, particularly in privatised organisations", and especially when the rises coincide with heavy redundancies. The service, which tends to be cautious in public statements because of the necessity of impartiality and confidentiality, notes that this may lead to a greater wage push after a long period of pay restraint.

John Hougham, Acas chairman, says: "It is at least likely that the levels of remuneration which have been made very prominently for some of the leading captains of industry might stoke up other people's expectations further down the pay chain."

Acas officials acknowledge that high pay and big rises for utility chiefs raise questions of pay equity among other employees, and may well "encourage greater vigour in employee demands".

The conciliation service records a sharp rise in disputes, especially over pay, as measured by requests to it by employers and unions for collective conciliation, such as the assistance Acas gave in settling last year's rail signallers' strikes.

Such requests were up by 8 per cent in 1994. Virtually all the increase concerned pay disputes, which, for the first time since 1990, form more than half the service's collective dispute workload. Officials accept that pay disputes are increasing as the economy recovers.

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## Aer Lingus picks BAE

Aer Lingus is to lease three British Aerospace 146 planes to launch jet services from Dublin to Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Bristol and Edinburgh.

BAE has just become sole jet supplier to Crossair, the Swiss regional airline, and is hoping to win a 20-plane order for regional jets from Sabena, the Belgian national carrier.

## FII refocusses

The new management team at FII Group, a leading footwear supplier to Marks & Spencer, has sold its scientific equipment business to Life Sciences International for £3 million and bought Law Trading, a designer and source of footwear, for £6.1 million.

## US deal

Raytheon Corporation of the US is to pay \$2.3 billion for E-Systems, a leading maker of military intelligence systems.

# Mercury fears convergence of BT and Cellnet

By ERIC REGULY

MERCURY One-2-One, the third largest mobile-phone operator, has told Ofcom, the industry regulator, that the biggest threat to competition in the market is the inevitable convergence of British Telecom and 60 per cent-owned Cellnet.

Richard Goswell, managing director of One-2-One, said the coming together of BT and Cellnet would "raise issues about dominance and anti-competitive behavior". BT controls more than 90 per cent of the residential telephone market and Cellnet is only slightly smaller than Vodafone, the market leader.

Mr Goswell is particularly concerned about joint billing, whereby Cellnet customers would receive a single bill from BT for their mobile and home phones. A single bill, he said, would be a powerful disincentive to "churn," the industry's term for customers dropping their service and going to a competing network. Reducing high churn rates, currently about 25 per cent a year, is one of the mobile phone biggest challenges. "Cellnet and BT are the only ones that could offer joint billing, so it is a competitive issue," he said.

BT and Cellnet have no immediate plans for joint billing, but trials could occur within the next two years. "Joint billing is an aspiration for the industry, and it is looking most feasible for BT and Cellnet," said William Ostrom, a Cellnet spokesman.

BT and Cellnet have a project called "fixed-mobile convergence," which is examining ways to combine certain services. One, called Personal Assistant, which allows Cellnet

and BT customers to be traced with a single phone number, is now being tested.

BT hopes to forge closer financial links with Cellnet as well. It has made no secret that it would like to buy Securicor's 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, but would need permission from the Department of Trade and Industry to do so.

Separately, Cellnet reported that it added 715,000 new customers in its March 31 financial year, raising the total number to 1.73 million. Vodafone remained in first place, with 1.82 million customers at the end of March. Cellnet predicted in January that it would unseat Vodafone as the market leader this year. One-2-One, owned by Cable and Wireless and US West, a regional phone company in America, said it now has 260,000 customers.



Digging deep: Alan Shearer, chief executive of Camas, the building materials group, emerged from English China Clays Camas, reported a rise in profits to £19.2 million from £10.98 million in 1994. A final dividend of 2.5p brings the total to 3.75p. *Tempus*, page 24

## Saatchi links with Publicis

By MARTIN WALLEN

MAURICE SAATCHI, deposed head of the Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency, has teamed up with the French advertising group Publicis ahead of his assault this week on the vital British Airways account, which he is trying to poach from his old employer.

His New Saatchi Agency has signed an international co-operation deal with Publicis, which will provide logistical and technical services, as well as media strategy, planning and buying. The link will start with a joint presentation to British Airways for global management of its advertising.

Saatchi & Saatchi, one of the two main advertising networks in the now renamed Cordant, has held the £60 million a year BA account for more than 11 years. Its latest huge BA campaign opens this week.

The Saatchi-Publicis link does not involve an exchange of equity and has no effect on Publicis's alliance with True North, the US agency.



## General Accident

## EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR 1995

	Year to 31.12.94	Year to 31.12.93
	Audited £m	Audited £m
General Premiums	4,253.2	4,181.8
Life Premiums	887.3	866.1
Underwriting Result	(70.6)	(229.0)
Life Profits	53.3	49.1
Profit before Taxation	428.3	294.9
Ordinary Dividends	131.4	124.1
Technical Reserves	5,818.3	5,800.3
Cash Flow from Operations	608.2	467.6

Commenting on prospects in his Operational Review of 1994, Nelson Robertson, Group Chief Executive, says:

"Whilst we anticipate an increasingly challenging operating environment for our UK general insurance and life assurance businesses, we believe that the various initiatives we have taken and continue to take will enable us once again to record good performances in our home markets.

These, together with further gains anticipated in the United States and improvements in other important areas of our business provide excellent prospects for our operating performance in 1995."

*Nelson Robertson*  
Nelson Robertson  
Group Chief Executive

## General Accident plc

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A copy of General Accident's 1994 Annual Report can be obtained from the Company Secretary at the above address.

## Labour revises its training levy plan

LABOUR yesterday signalled a shift in its plans for industrial training by offering alternatives to its proposed training levy. Business leaders have been pressing Labour to modify its proposals, under which all employers, except very small ones, would be required to invest a "minimum amount" in training — previously put by Labour at up to 1 per cent of turnover — or contribute to a training levy.

Harriet Harman, Shadow Employment Secretary, last night put forward three options within a clear commitment to a statutory approach. These are a revised levy with greater flexibility, reflecting the growth of smaller companies; an employee entitlement to, perhaps, five days' training a year; and learning accounts, under which employers and employees would contribute to an account to pay for training, which employees could take to new jobs.

## Date for Famous II

HIGHLAND DISTILLERS aims to have its new spirit brand — a gin or a vodka to accompany its Famous Grouse whisky — in supermarkets by the end of this year, the company said. Pre-tax profits of £23.7 million in the six months to February 28 were little changed from £23.4 million last time. The results were at the bottom end of City expectations. The interim dividend is raised from 1.76p to 1.90p, paid out of earnings up 3 per cent to 12.6p. *Tempus*, page 24

## Pentos costs Cassell

CASSELL, the publisher floated on the stock market last summer, took a £145,000 hit from the collapse of Pentos, owner of the Dillons bookshop chain, but still managed to push pre-tax profits ahead, by 38 per cent to £827,000 last year. Lower interest charges following the float helped. Profits were little changed at £1.3 million against £1.2 million. Cassell is paying a maiden dividend of 3p out of earnings per share for 1994 of 13.1p after exceptional.

## PowerGen venture

POWERGEN has signed contracts to take a 35 per cent stake in a huge coal-fired power station to be built at Patton, Indonesia. The 1,200 megawatt plant, which is expected to cost \$1.6 billion, will be managed and maintained by PowerGen for 30 years. The company's partners in the joint venture, PT Jawa Power, will be Siemens of Germany, which will hold half the equity and build the plant, and an Indonesian company that will have 15 per cent.

## L&M pensions setback

LONDON & MANCHESTER, the life assurance and financial services group, has set aside £24 million to cover the cost of compensating individuals for mis-selling of pensions. The news came as L&M announced a pre-tax profit of £38.9 million in the year to December 31, up 16.5% from £33.4 million last time. The final dividend was lifted from 10.56p to 11.56p, making a total for the year of 17.16p, up from 15.68p. The shares rose 3p to 343p.

## Airport deal may lift BA

BRITISH Airways and BAA have renegotiated lease terms on the airline's holdings at Heathrow, which may boost BA's balance sheet by £250 million (Carl Mortimer writes). BAA is giving a lease extension to BA, its largest tenant, on 185 of the 224 acres occupied by the airline. The new leases, on sites including hangars and the Boadicea computer centre, will give BA more control and the right to sublet. Existing leases, at well below market rents, were to expire in 60 years and would be subject to a market rent review in five years. The lease is now extended to 150 years, with inflation adjustment of rent every five years. BA returns 39 acres.

	Bank Buy	Bank Sell
Australia \$	2.50	2.13
Austria Sch	13.75	12.25
Belgium F	45.02	44.02
Canada C	2.388	2.308
Cyprus Cyp	0.775	0.770
Denmark Kr	8.45	8.35
Finland Mk	7.57	8.82
France F	1.58	7.01
Germany Dm	2.39	3.18
Greece Dr	352.00	357.00
Hong Kong \$	12.14	12.14
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.0284	4.6484
Italy Lire	2882.00	2710.00
Japan Yen	155.00	158.00
Malta	0.632	0.547
Netherlands Gld	5.955	5.425
Norway Kr	10.55	9.78
Portugal Esc	947.50	888.00
S Africa Rd	1.01	5.38
Spain Ptas	210.00	188.00
Sweden Kr	10.58	11.78
Switzerland Fr	1.97	1.78
Taiwan New	169.00	169.00
USA \$	1.714	1.584

Notes for bank communication bank rates only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to business overseas. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.



BMS Associates Limited, the holding company of Lloyd's Broker Ballantynes, Ballantynes & Sullivan Limited wishes to announce the following changes, effective 1st April 1995.

BMS Associates Limited	
Group Managing Director	Mr D. Sullivan
Ballantynes, McKee & Sullivan Limited	
Chairman	Mr R.E.P. Ballantynes
Deputy Chairman	Mr M.S. Corbridge
Managing Director - Production	Mr C.B. Macnamara
Managing Director - Services	Mr B.D. Cooper



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Curbing market-makers' perks □ Lessons of Leeson cannot be rushed □ Japan falls out with Tinseltown

# Profits of privilege

□ IF there is a thin line between genius and madness, a similar ambiguity exists between skillful innovation and being too clever at exploiting the rules. Rival market-makers on the London Stock Exchange will surely soon conclude that Swiss Bank Corporation has been a little too smart for their good.

Trafalgar House's takeover bid for Northern Electric will go down in corporate history for several reasons, notably because it broke the previous unspoken social contract between many utilities and their regulators. It might also have far-reaching effects on the way shares are traded on the Stock Exchange.

Knowing that the bid was not sure of success, SBC's corporate finance advisers devised ways to defray the cost without committing Trafalgar to owning chunks of Northern. The scheme featured "tailor-made" derivatives called "contracts of differences" with SBC's market-making business, which allowed Trafalgar (and SBC itself) to benefit from the rise in share prices of all regional electricity companies triggered by Trafalgar's bid.

These deals involved interpreting a series of regulations. Several centre round the Chinese walls of silence between parts of an investment bank to avoid breaching, among other things, the City Takeover Code and

insider trading laws. The Stock Exchange's latest consultation paper considers another regulation crucial to the scheme. Market-makers are exempted from a general rule under the Companies Act 1985 that anyone acquiring 3 per cent or more of a company's voting shares must tell it within two days. They do not have to say at all, except if served notice by the company. Only thus did it emerge that SBC had 8 per cent of Yorkshire Electricity.

If market-makers can do this, their parents have a huge commercial advantage in setting up takeover deals. They also thwart the intentions of the Act. Exemptions were aimed at the independent specialist stock-jobbers, which existed before the 1986 Big Bang. To wholesale shares, they often needed a big stake for a short time, with no intention of exercising votes.

Firms that make markets in small companies, where there is not much liquidity, still need to do this, for instance, to avoid spoiling the market is there is a big seller. But modern market-makers regularly take positions

as short-term investments. The privileges are too great and obsolete. The best market-makers can now ask for is some delay in disclosing their stakes in the same ways as anyone else. Allowing them five days instead of two would still exempt most genuine smoothing operations. If only stakes above £1 million needed disclosing, the small company market-makers would also retain protection.

Unless the rules are changed, abuse is likely to grow fast. The Takeover Panel and the Securities and Futures Authority should now review their rules as fast as the Stock Exchange.

### Tuckey voting for Christmas

□ IF THE buck stops at the top, even more so does the loss of a billion bucks and the City's oldest merchant bank. The exit of Peter Baring and Andrew Tuckey, as chairman and deputy chairman respectively of Barings, was inevitable; merely a matter of timing. With their last gasps, as they fall towards their



swords, both stress that their resignations have been available to ING "as a matter of principle" for some time. ING has accepted the resignations "with regret" and acknowledges the duo's "massive commitment" to the re-establishment of Barings' operational base. In the event, Tuckey's encounter with business steel will not prove fatal. At the request of ING, he has agreed to remain a senior advisor to Barings' corporate finance division.

Such is the stuff of official announcements. Unofficially, it can be assumed that neither ING nor Barings is ecstatic about Governor Eddie George's recent revelation that Part 1 of the Board of Banking Supervision's

investigation into the affair will not be completed until early June. Part 1 is a fact-finding exercise, intended to establish the precise events that led to Barings' collapse.

Ian Watt, who heads the Bank's Special Investigations Unit, is spearheading the probe. Part 2 will identify the lessons to be drawn from the Barings debacle. But it is difficult to draw lessons before the facts have been fully ascertained. In view of this, Part 2, which will include an assessment of the Bank's supervisory role, will take a further three months to compile before it is tied up in a ribbon for the Chancellor.

ING, eager to rehabilitate its new-found acquisition, would doubtless like the facts out before June. Nor, presumably, does Barings, where certain heads sit uneasy, relish this long shadow from the sword of Damocles. Unfortunately, Barings' fate is of its own making and, with much at stake, speed can hardly be the Bank's priority. Peter Baring has opted, but Nick Leeson, the alleged "rogue trader", has yet to reveal his

### The stuff of dreams

□ ONLY a very brave or a very foolish man would willingly walk a path that the shrewd and industrious Japanese are now regretting having trodden. Edgar Bronfman Jr is clearly the former. The sort of deal he can wrest from the mighty Matsushita combine will show whether he is also the latter.

Mr Bronfman, the incumbent dynasty member at Seagram, is looking at reinvesting the money, made from selling out of Du Pont, in the MCA entertainment empire bought five years ago by Matsushita.

This would be part of a continuing process whereby the Americans get the chance to buy back Hollywood from the Japanese at rather less than Tinseltown fetched when large chunks were last sold. Matsushita is regretting the MCA deal

and looking for a partner, which might allow Mr Bronfman to live out his dream of being a real film mogul. At the same time, Sony, which bought into Columbia and Tristar, is probably equally unhappy with that deal.

A Seagram purchase of MCA would swap a solid and predictable cyclical investment in chemicals for a business whose earnings are wholly unpredictable.

At the same time, if the Japanese have stumbled, then now is an attractive time to get cheaply into film production ahead of the forecast huge upsurge in demand from the various new channels and formats. Nonetheless it would be a curious deal; one at which even our own dear Grand Metropolitan, hyperactive dealmaker and Seagram's big rival, might balk.

### Bean there

□ ANDREAS STARIBACHER, a 38-year old chartered accountant and bean counter — the surprise weekend choice to be Austria's Finance Minister — is an expert in corporate valuations, clearly a must in the age of privatisation. If Britain is to stay in the van, it surely cannot be long before the entire Treasury, let alone the Chancellorship, is contracted out to Ernst & Young, Price Waterhouse or KPMG.

## Govett to auction fund management business

By PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

GOVETT, the Anglo-American fund manager and insurance group, has put its fund management business up for auction after the sale of the rival Jupiter Tyndall to Commerzbank last week.

Govett hopes that the business, which has \$5.1 billion of funds under management, will attract offers of \$250 million to \$270 million.

Arthur Truerg, chairman of Govett, said: "These properties are very rare, they are going for premium prices." Govett's shares last night closed 26p higher, at 285p.

Govett is being sued for \$20

million in the US on fraud and racketeering claims by an investment trust that it once managed. The action, which Govett strongly contests, hit the company's share price, scuppering its plans to take over Duff & Phelps, the US fund manager.

Govett is countering Govett American Endeavour Fund, the Jersey-based investment trust that it used to manage, claiming \$100 million damages.

Mr Truerg said that, after the collapse of the Duff & Phelps deal, two firms had asked about buying the two fund manage-

ment businesses, John Govett & Co. in London, and Govett Asset Management Company, in San Francisco.

After the \$277 million Jupiter Tyndall sale of a business with \$6.1 billion under management, Mr Truerg said that Govett decided to "open the door more widely".

Bear Stearns has been asked to sound out potential buyers in America and Govett has appointed Schroders, which tied up the sale of Jupiter Tyndall, to seek potential buyers in the UK and on the Continent.

Mr Truerg said: "Fund

management businesses have to be of a certain size. If you cannot get there by acquiring someone else, you should turn around and be acquired."

Proceeds of a sale will be used for working capital for developing the company's other businesses — a life insurance operation, a trust company and a development capital business. Mr Truerg said that some would be kept in reserve "for business opportunities and contingencies" and some would be returned to shareholders. This could be in the form of a special dividend or a share buyback.

### Morgan Crucible at £73m

SHARES in Morgan Crucible rose 13p to 330p after the industrial products group reported better-than-expected 1994 profits and a 10 per cent rise in orders this year (Martin Barrow writes).

In the year to December 31, pre-tax profits rose to £72.6 million from £65.7 million. Ongoing businesses returned sales almost unchanged at £795.1 million, adjusted for the disposal of the Holt Lloyd car care business for £63.5 million in August. This left an exceptional profit of £2.9 million.

A final 7.15p makes the total dividend 13.1p a share (12.6p) with EPS of 21.9p (19.8p). Tempus, page 24

### Asia's Tigers lift Burmah results

By CARL MORTISHED

BURMAH CASTROL, maker of Castrol GTX motor oil, is reaping the rewards of its marketing push into the fast-growing Asian "Tiger" economies with profits from its Castrol Asia subsidiary growing by a third in 1994.

The gain combined with increased market share in the United States and a recovery in chemicals to enable Burmah to raise pre-tax profits before exceptional items by 21 per cent to £219.5 million in the year to December. It is raising the dividend 18 per cent to 32.5p.

Jonathan Fry, chief executive, said the 1994 results were achieved against a better background, with growth in the G7

countries of 3 per cent. In the lubricants market, however, there was growth of only 1 to 2 per cent in volumes. "We did 7 per cent," he commented, "and we are continuing to take market share."

Profits from chemicals grew by 34 per cent to £48.9 million mainly due to recovery at Fosco, the metallurgical company. Mr Fry said the improvement in chemical profits was due to reductions in costs and improvements in prices.

Burmah gained market share in the important American DIY motor oil market and reckons it is only 1.5 points below the market leader.

### MPM falls to Cookson for £93m

COOKSON GROUP, the industrial materials company, has agreed to buy MPM Enterprises, a manufacturer of screen printing equipment for use in making printed circuit boards, for a maximum consideration of £93 million (Martin Barrow writes).

In the year to the end of June 1994, MPM earned pre-tax profits of \$9.8 million on turnover of \$55.5 million. Net assets at the year-end were \$12.5 million.

The business will be merged with Cookson's electronic materials operations. There will be an initial cash consideration of £40.2 million, with a further profit-related payment of up to £52.8 million.

Last month Cookson raised £193 million for acquisitions.

Tempus, page 24

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

# Shares shrug off turmoil on foreign exchanges

SHARES and gilts staged a resilient performance in the face of further volatility on the world's currency markets and Friday's 60-point fall on Wall Street.

The equity market recovered from a hesitant start to end the day on a positive note with the FT-SE 100 index finishing 5.2 higher at 3,143.1. But turnover levels remained on the low side. By the close of business a total of 494 million shares had changed hands but this figure had been swollen by last-minute bid and break-fast transactions designed to establish tax losses before the financial year-end.

Selling pressure among the institutions was kept to a minimum as the second quarter of the year began. Glaxo firmed 5p to 71p after approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to market Imtrex, its anti-migraine treatment in tablet form.

Northern Electric stood out with a rise of 14p to 763p as dissident shareholders continued to apply pressure to the group after the aborted bid by Trafalgar House. Calls have been made for an extraordinary general meeting.

Shares of the independent television and radio broadcasting companies enjoyed selective support with the Government intending to bring forward legislation allowing media cross-holdings. Brokers are hopeful that such a move could lead to a wave of speculative buying.

Gains were seen in Chiltern Radio, 25p to 22p, HTV Group, 3p to 167p, Scottish Television, 2p to 45p, Ulster Television, 2p to 68p, and Yorkshire Television, 2p to 43p.

Shares of Govett & Co, the fund manager, jumped 2p to 28p as a "for sale" sign went up. The group said it is in talks with a number of parties about the sale of its John Govett fund management business in London and Govett Asset Management in San Francisco.

This latest move follows Commerbank's bid for Jupiter Tyndall, 1p firmer at 41p. Dealers are also patiently awaiting a bid of about 230p a share for Sharelink, the telephone-based private-client stockbroker, from Charles Schwab, the American broker. Sharelink rose 12p to 21p.

A profits warning left VHE Holdings 10p lower at 80p. Wet weather in 1995's first quarter had restricted work



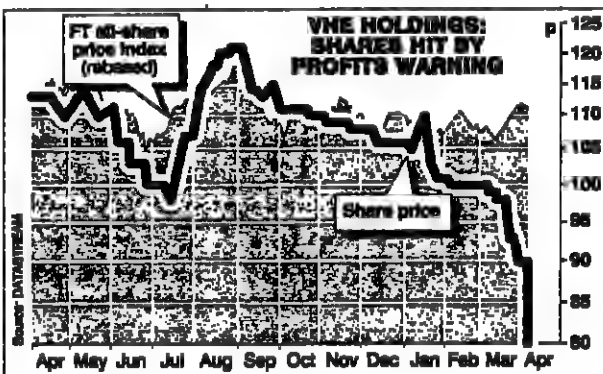
Bruce Farmer, managing director of Morgan Crucible

on outstanding contracts and was likely to hit net profits by £1.2 million. The City was expecting pre-tax profits of up to £4.5 million but the group said this target will not be met. However, profits were unlikely to be below £3 million last year.

ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, is believed to have completed a review of the

stores sector and has begun circulating its findings to clients. Apparently it is urging clients to take profits in Dixons, 1p easier at 22p, Boots, down 5p to 504p, and Sainsbury, 1p easier at 104p. At the same time its rates Great Universal Stores, 5p off at 55p, Storehouse, 1p lighter at 22p, and WH Smith, 2p better at 41p, as buys.

AAH, the bid target, rose 5p



FT all-share index (rebased) and VHE Holdings share price

net profits up 25 per cent at £114 million. The group's chemicals division made most of the running after measures to raise efficiency and a re-focusing of the business. The shares responded with a rise of 1p to 87p.

Vodafone, the cellular telephone operator, firmed 3p to 201p cheered by news of another surge in the number of new connections during the first quarter.

Camras, the building products group, firmed 1p to 77p after its first set of full-year figures since being de-merged from English China Clays. The group saw pre-tax profits surge 75 per cent to £19.2 million matching the forecast made at the time of the flotation. Most of the improvement stemmed from Europe with trading conditions in the US described as flat.

Highland Distilleries, maker of The Famous Grouse Scotch whisky, tumbled 26p to 357p after failing to live up to City expectations. Pre-tax profits in the first six months were just £300,000 higher at £23.7 million. The company blamed a 20 per cent profits fall from new and mature whiskeys although sales of The Famous Grouse rose 6 per cent.

Full-year figures at the top end of the range and a confident statement about current trading lifted Morgan Crucible 13p to 330p. Last year saw the carbon, ceramics and materials group raise pre-tax profits 10.5 per cent to £72.6 million. Bruce Farmer, the managing director, said margins were benefiting from price rises and the year had started on a firm note.

GILT-EDGED: Prices took their lead from US Treasury bills which were desired with investors anxiously awaiting this week's US employment figures. The low turnover was mirrored in the futures pit where The June series of the Long Gilt climbed £19.33 to £103.71 on just 29,000 contracts completed. In conventional Treasury 8 per cent 2013 jumped £2.13 to £96.14, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £2.11 better at £98.71.

NEW YORK: Midday shares were lifted by higher bonds. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.57 to 4,164.26.

New York (midday):  
Dow Jones 4164.26 (+6.57)  
S&P Composite 300.86 (+0.15)

Tokyo:  
Nikkei Average 15381.29 (+758.98)

Hong Kong:  
Hang Seng 8400.44 (+187.28)

Amsterdam:  
EBS Index 394.28 (+0.88)

Sydney:  
All Ordinaries 1899.5 (+7.1)

Frankfurt:  
DAX 1830.82 (+4.23)

Singapore:  
Straits Times 2074.65 (+18.47)

Brussels:  
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Zurich:  
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## Oil gusher

BURMAH CASTROL has been through so much pain over its chemicals business that it can be excused a little crowing over this year's recovery in the business which saw profits grow by more than a third and margins edge up a point to 6 per cent. Much of the improvement is down to volume gains flowing through a business whose costs have been driven down. The operational gearing should help again this year as the recovery in chemicals continues.

None of this will sway doubters who still wonder why Burmah is muddying its impressive Castrol lubricants business with such a volatile and unrelated business like specialty chemicals. Burmah will be pushed hard to get an average return on sales of 10 per cent from the latter over the cycle while lubricants, which has a strong consumer

base, has the advantage of being relatively little affected by industrial cycles. If the jury is still out on Burmah's product diversification, the verdict is a solid thumbs up on geographical expansion. Castrol Asia is proving a leading profits earner, particularly welcome in view of the dreary outlook in Europe. The question facing Burmah is how to keep the Asian train moving as competition in the one-protected Indian market — while new markets, like China, will be slow to develop. Burmah is moving into a cash generative phase, but the lubricants business, which uses up cash to fund loans to dealers, will never be a cash cow. Burmah shareholders would be best served if the company lost a few non-core businesses and just did what it does best: selling its brand.

## Highland Distilleries

The question exercising minds in the City ahead of the Highland Distilleries flotation yesterday was the extent to which the company, which has adopted a position of lofty disdain during earlier downturns in the highly cyclical Scotch whisky market, has got its hands dirty from discounting at the tail end of last year.

The answer is not much but probably more than in previous price wars. Certainly, Highland insisted it had held back from the sort of discounts widely available to wholesalers from owners of the cheaper brands.

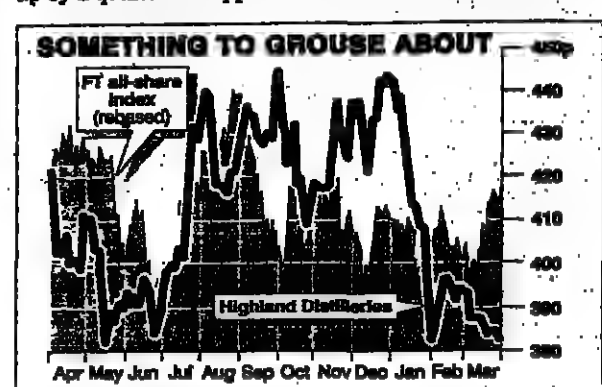
But it was forced to see the gap between The Famous Grouse, its main brand, and the run of the pack widen from its normal level of 30p

## Distilleries

to 50p in the run-up to Christmas, when the bulk of the discounting in Scotch takes place, before it took action.

Famous Grouse sales therefore held up well in the UK, increasing 6 per cent in the first half and showing some improvement in profits in spite of marketing spend up by a quarter. Disappoint-

ment with profits across the group was behind the fall in the share price yesterday. Highland shares now sell on 17.5 times earnings, still a 20 per cent premium to the rest of the sector. As a pure Scotch play, they should only be viewed positively if, as some forecasters suggest, the next upturn in that market is not far off.



FT all-share index (rebased) and Highland Distilleries share price

## Camras

THERE were few surprises from Camras, which is no bad thing for a newly listed company. European profits forged ahead while the US, excluding acquisitions, made no real headway largely because of fall-off in volumes after completion of Denver Airport. Nevertheless, it was pleasing to see the company making the most of better market conditions, particularly in Britain, which is still its most important region.

Operating margins rose to 4.8 per cent from 3.4 per cent on the back of higher volumes as well as increased prices. Whether these volume rises will be maintained in the current year remains to be seen. Recent strong demand from housebuilders is likely to tail off with housing starts expected to decline. But Camras has been able to push through price increases and with further opportunities to cut costs, it should hold margins even if volumes dip.

## Morgan Crucible

MORGAN CRUCIBLE'S trading performance in 1994 looked a touch pedestrian, with operating profits up by just 3 per cent to £33.7 million. This did not deter the City, which marked up its shares by 4 per cent yesterday in a fit of enthusiasm, a sharp contrast to the disdain it has lavished on other industrial manufacturers recently.

The reason behind such optimism was Morgan's news that its order book is 10 per cent higher than a year ago, helped partly by the car

industry's strong demand for electric motors. While the order book only stretches out for six weeks, such a sharp rise in demand is a promise of widening margins and a jump in profits.

Morgan is halfway through the task of recycling the £67 million it raised from the sale of the Holt Lloyd car care business last year. The group has been adept at reinvesting quickly and is minimising the dilution caused by the disposal. The group is well advanced in finding acquisitions in technical ceramics and specialty materials. The niche manufacturing businesses that Morgan is keen on are already expanding group margins.

The growth in Morgan's order book could propel profits to £85 million this year, a 17 per cent rise. That would put the shares on less than 13 times earnings, which is inexpensive.

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# Waiter, there's something nasty in the soup

**THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on a grim tale of junkie no-hopers**

**Trainspotting**  
Bush

bag by her man while everyone else looks the other way. Take a taxi to that address, and a gentleman named Mother Superior will give you a dose of the hard stuff. Since others, too, are using the same needle, you may end up with something less transitory than heroin in your veins.

Kenny Miller's set is a bleak room furnished with a filthy toilet bowl and little else, but it serves for plenty of other locations, including a part of Waverley Station never visited by trainspotting. All four actors play several characters, though each has his or her primary role. Malcolm Shields's Franco is a swaggering thug who regards it as his right to father children and beat up their mother

while she gets a fix. James Cunningham's dim Tommy experiments with heroin after rowing with his girl, and cannot kick what soon becomes a habit. Ewen Bremner's Mark, a sly, mocking narrator and protagonist, faces a bit better, but only after what would be better described as vivisectioned chicken than cold turkey.

The company spare us little in the way of pain and humiliation, and even non-trainspotting may find their collective ordeal grueling. Stay away if you cannot cope with the sight of a junkie scrambling through his excrement in search of the opium suppositories

he has inadvertently shed. Stay away, too, if you have problems with four-letter words, for the characters casually gorge on them.

Yet without in any way softening its impact, the authors find plenty of black humour in their no-hopers' predicament. There is, after all, a certain grim comedy in seeing a battered woman turn on her would-be rescuer as an interfering \*\*\*\* and give him a pasting, or watching Franco, maybe the most foul-mouthed and charmless man in Scotland, try to chat up a demure Canadian girl on a train.

Oh yes, and next time you go to Edinburgh, be sure you are polite to your waitress, especially if you belong to the English master-race. If she comes from this sub-world, as she may, she could retaliate in alarmingly private, personal ways. Watch the tomato soup and the chocolate profiteroles particularly closely. You wouldn't want to end up paying for hidden extras, now would you?



Malcolm Shields as the swaggering thug Franco and Ewen Bremner as the sly narrator Mark

**VISUAL ART: An interactive show in London draws the crowds but fails to engage the intellect. Plus other contemporary shows**

## Touchy-feely, very waffly

**'Take Me (I'm Yours)' says a Serpentine show. No thanks, says Richard Cork**

Enter most galleries, and you soon become aware of guards sternly monitoring your movements. Peering closely at a painting often prompts a reprimand. Touching even the most graspable of sculptures is forbidden. Talking in anything more than a murmur is asking for trouble. The whole experience can easily inhibit newcomers.

That is why the mood at the Serpentine's show comes as such a contrast. Attendees encourage visitors to dress up in, sit down on, even walk off with, the objectionable display. From the outset, participation is the keynote.

Hans Ulrich Obrist, the young Swiss curator, has given his show the subjective title *Take Me (I'm Yours)*. And in the first room, most of the floor-space is filled with clothes waiting to be carried away. Judging by their smell and grubbiness, the garments have been well used. That does not seem to deter visitors.

Christian Boltanski, the French artist responsible for the clothes exhibit, is best known for elegiac photo-pieces commemorating the anonymous victims of persecution. They usually evoke a mood akin to a memorial service. He might have intended us to think here about the former owners of these leaped garments. But whatever underlines his installation may possess, they seem to be ignored by most people hunting through the piles. Far from resembling a chapel of remembrance, his room looks more like a bring-and-buy bazaar, except that nobody is selling anything.

The next room is transformed into a place of crowded activity. Half nursery and half gymnasium, the gallery is festooned with equipment enticing us to cast aside our reticence and join in. Stills lie waiting for visitors to mount them and blunder across this



The wall-sculptures of the Belgian artist Jef Geys reduce fruit to its formal essence. He then puts real fruit on sale

normally sacrosanct space. Attendees preside, but this time they encourage unorthodox behaviour. One of them stands beside a row of grey, hospital-style robes. She invites us to do a quick change and then wander around, finding out whether our behaviour is stunted or liberated by the borrowed clothes.

Nobody took up the challenge while I was there. Perhaps we all shied away from the possibility of being mistaken for lunatics. Perhaps, too, we were more intrigued by the swinging dangle than by the French artist Fabrice Hybert appeared to be offering it to anyone who liked the idea of treating the gallery as a playground. But the swing's seat is punctuated by two shiny phallic forms, threatening anyone foolish enough to use it.

On the whole, though, the prevailing mood is genial. Douglas Gordon, the young Scottish artist whose first one-person show at the Lisson Gallery in January was so impressive, has devised a competition. The winner will enjoy a "blind dinner date" with the

artist, who holds out the promise of a slap-up meal at the Ivy. Plenty of punters were filling in the forms for the chance of an evening with Douglas, whose ghostly photographic image called *Kissing with Sodium Pentothal* is on the catalogue cover.

Gilbert & George are more

each bearing a visual souvenir of the two brazen figures parading their private parts. Although the contributors to Obrist's show are fairly diverse, they remain united by their avoidance of abstraction. At first glance, the Belgian artist Jef Geys seems to be the exception, displaying simplified wall-sculptures with projecting circular and oval forms. But their titles reveal that Geys's starting-points are as familiar as apples, plums and grapes. All he has done is reduce them to their formal essence. And then, as if to ensure that nobody feels mystified, he puts real fruit on sale next to the art.

Art and life are brought into conjunction throughout the show by a curator whose first exhibition was staged in his own kitchen. He promotes accessibility and encourages the viewer to become part of the art work's creation. Even the stern conceptualist Lawrence Weiner has become hospitable enough to produce a stencil, enabling visitors to draw their own graffiti.

In art, however, user-friendly

ness has shortcomings. Graffiti should by definition be spontaneous, not meticulously copied to an artist's template.

There is a blandness about this exhibition that dilutes its ambitions. The German artist Hans-Peter Feldmann presents a mass of photocollaged images, and lets spectators carry away as many as they like, free of charge. Many duly responded. But the images on offer were humdrum, and the whole project did not stimulate a truly imaginative response.

In their desire to make the audience feel at ease with contemporary art, many exhibitors removed any sense of challenge from their work. It is heartening to find the Serpentine packed with visitors, all prepared to enjoy themselves and many no doubt relieved to come upon a gallery so devoid of forbidding restrictions. I do nevertheless worry about making artists too cosy. Art should be free to disturb as well as entertain.

Take Me (I'm Yours) is at the Serpentine (0171-402 0075) until April 30

**It looks like a bring-and-buy bazaar, except that nobody is buying anything**

direct. Having begun their careers a quarter of a century ago with the clarion-call "Art for all", they are now the grand old men of the Serpentine show. But no pomposity mars their large photo-pieces. They celebrate the onset of middle age by exposing themselves, full-frontal. Free badges are on offer in a bowl.

**CONCERTS: Mahler's anguished symphonic farewell, and Shostakovich's complex enigma**

## A harrowing journey

SOMETIMES the epic scale of Mahler's valedictory Ninth Symphony is thought to be self-sufficient for a concert programme, a view I would not dispute. In his Mahler festival performance with the London Symphony Orchestra, however, Michael Tilson Thomas preceded it with not one but two other works, of a character not altogether to the symphony's advantage.

One was Toru Takemitsu's *Ceremonial*, itself new to this country, in which Kohjiro Kikawa, resplendent in Japanese ceremonial costume, played a brief prelude and postlude on the sho, a kind of

**LSO/Tilson Thomas**  
Barbican

oriental harmonica. It had the effect of throwing into relief the main orchestral body of the work, a subdued rhapsody that put me in mind of Debussy with its shifting harmonies and little perceptible rhythm, and fell gracefully, if somewhat pallidly, on the ear.

Not so Weber's *Konzertstück* in F minor, a sort of piano concerto with four short movements condensed into one. Not many pianists think it worth the trouble to learn the decorative and virtuosic solo part these days, but Dame Moura Lympany, in her 79th year, played it from memory with dazzling finger-work and control of the keyboard, making us aware that its harmonic roots govern the music's direction as well as the romantically expressive character with which she endowed it.

So to Mahler, and the last symphony he lived to complete, composed in conscious

awareness of impending death. From the evidence of the unfinished Tenth, we now know that the Ninth expresses Mahler's deepest anguish through which he needed to pass before reaching an ultimate peace of mind suggested in its sequel. This was a performance that would have us make the harrowing journey with him.

Tilson Thomas was most at home in the sardonic frenzy of the *Rondo Burleske* movement, where his propensity for emphasising the obvious was more acceptable than in the earlier movements, and where the LSO's woodwind and brass took the trickiest passages in their stride.

The strings, with Yuri Tscherny, a guest leader borrowed from the Royal Ballet Sinfonia and notably assured in his several solo passages, came into their own with sonorous eloquence in the long, heart-rending Adagio finale, carrying the performance to more than 85 minutes in total.

NOEL GOODWIN

## Mechanical key to a puzzle

NEARLY a quarter of a century after it was written, Shostakovich's Fifteenth Symphony is still a puzzle and will probably always remain so. For myself the key lies in the mechanical, clock-like sounds at the end. Whatever the joys and sadnesses of lives personal and political, the universe ticks on: time is our only true overlord. At other times it has seemed explicitly enough to depict the puppet-like rule mentioned by many, including the composer's own son Maxim. A work riddled with enigmatic quotations ranging from *William Tell* to *Götterdämmerung* certainly sounds as though it must be about something.

But Alexander Lazarev, bright-eyed and bustling with energy, rightly absorbed himself in the abstractions of the symphonic fabric. How spiky or jokey to make the beginning of the first movement? Lazarev opted for innocent wit rather than sardonic jab. The

**BBCSO/Lazarev**  
Festival Hall

long Adagio took on a properly funereal air without losing impetus, its massive, terrifying climaxes delivered with effective force. Throughout the symphony the response of the BBC Symphony Orchestra was efficient without raising very many goose pimples, but there were noteworthy contributions from the trombonist Anthony Parsons and the cellist Paul Watkins.

Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder* had earlier been garished by the ripe but slightly underpowered tones of the contralto Nathalie Stutzmann. And to open the evening there was Wagner's *Tannhäuser* overture, in which Lazarev nearly succeeded in enabling the violins' descending chromatic motif towards the end to be heard clearly for a change.

STEPHEN PETTIT

### AROUND THE GALLERIES

A MODEL of a city at night expands across one section of the gallery. Light pushing up and out of the windows of simplified cardboard blocks throws a reassuring glow onto chalk-dusty "streets". Photographs by Hugo Boss in bed are arranged on continuous chalk-covered blackboard. The effect is mesmerizing: a sleepy silence broken only occasionally by the muttering of members of the cast of *Forced Entertainment*, who sit in the next room around a dusty table speaking out invented journey across an imaginary place. A successful combination of many different media provides a strangely somnambulant overview.

**Andrew Stahl, Flowers**  
East at London Fields, 199-205 Richmond Road, London E2 2NJ (0181-985 3333) until April 23

□ THE seven artists represented in *New Art from Cuba* at the Whitechapel work with a great variety of material and style. Although, of course, there is a familiarity to their method and procedure, many artists

use the specific and local, and even educational, to good effect. Fernando Rodriguez curves a straightforward but nonetheless detailed narrative out of lumpy wood in a deliberate play on souvenir figurines and popular reliefs. Tania Bruguera makes the Cuban flag up out of snippets of human hair, while Pedro Alvarez paints dilapidated American imports and workers' banners against a backdrop of colonial Havana.

**Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QX (0171-522 7878), until April 23**

□ NEW Brazilian Art at the October Gallery could be called Old Brazilian Art in that it is rooted in "timeless" abstraction. Although the art is undoubtedly an adamant result of individual self-expression, the effect is a melting pot of international language.

**October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1N 3AJ (0171-242 7367) until April 13**

SACHA CRADDOCK

### LONDON

**THE YIDDISH TROJAN WOMEN.** A quick re-appearance for Carol, the first of the English Concert's new series of "The Trojan Women" by the four women, led by Helen. The Trojan Women is a new musical by Carol, set in a Jewish ghetto in London. The Trojan Women is a new musical by Carol, set in a Jewish ghetto in London.

**THE MILLIONAIRES.** Rachel Welch, Richard Johnson and Roshan Shah continue their tour of one of the most exciting comedies on the way to the West End. The Millionaires is a new musical by Rachel Welch, Richard Johnson and Roshan Shah.

**CHAMBER BALLETS PRAGUE.** The company of 16 dancers arrives this week with two programmes, including the new ballet *Chamber Ballets Prague* by the company of 16 dancers.

**MUSIC IN CHURCHES.** Richard Hickox and the City of London Sinfonia give a live broadcast of Richard Rodney Bennett's *Bassoon Concerto*, plus works from Vaughan Williams and

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□ **GEORGE DANDIN.** Red Shift brings to the stage a comedy about a man who is a puppeteer and a man who is a puppet.

□ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE.** Peter Bowles and Lisa Harris in a new play about love and the human condition.

□ **ONE FINE DAY.** Joe McNamara is an extraordinary comedian and actor. He is a one-man show, and he is a one-man show.

□ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE.** Alan Bennett's new play about the madness of King George III.

□ **JUST CAUSE.** (18). Harvard law professor Sean Connery versifies with a murder case in Florida. Ludicrous investigation thriller, with Laurence Fishburne. Director: Anna Glavich.

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### TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

**JUDITH WILKINSON.** Trevor Penford then conducts a programme of Bach, Handel, Vivaldi and Pachelbel, the composer of the *Brandenburg Concertos*. The *Brandenburg Concertos* are a series of six concertos for various instruments.

**ELSEWHERE.** Birmingham. The Mark Morris Dance Group, the hottest new in American modern dance, makes its first British tour.

**STRATFORD UPON AVON.** When the *Evil One* swarms on earth in Ben Jonson's *The Devil is an Ass*, he finds humans already adept at trickery. Cast includes John Nettles, David Troughton and Sheila Sim.

**THE STEWARD OF CHRISTENDOM.** Donald McCann plays an ex-cop of the Cuban Police looking for his life and keeping his ghosts at bay. Starring Barry's son, directed by Mark Stoddard.

**HOUSE FULL, returns only.** Some seats available. Seats at all prices.

**THE TWELFTH NIGHT.** Ian Jackson's delightful production from last year's Stratford, with Desmond Barrie and Emma Fielding.

**UPPERSUNDER.** John Godwin's new play, done by Hull Truss. Uppersunder is a new play by John Godwin.

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## **Gary Slapper on the effects of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act**

But the aims of the Police and Magistrates' Courts Act are more narrow and possibly more sinister. Its main thrust is to centralise state power over policing and the workings of magistrates' courts — which handle 98 per cent of prosecuted crimes. It also manifests the Government's anxiety about financial value for money by optimising the

The independent members are supposed "to represent the interests

Michael Howard's new rules for policing and magistrates' courts came into effect on April 1

The changes enable the Home Secretary to exercise unprecedented influence over local policing. The Police Act of 1964 has been amended, permitting him by order to "determine objectives for the policing of the areas of all police authorities". The annual local police plans drawn up by the police

**A**s police forces rely on central government grants, all this raises the possibility of a cash for co-operation exchange. For a police force to be 'efficient and effective' — long-established criteria for receiving government money — it may now have to demonstrate some conformity with government political objectives. In a time of moral panic, for instance, the Home Secretary may wish to

There is one final section, not yet implemented, allowing for commercial sponsorship of the police. Under this a force will be able—in connection with its duties—to accept gifts of money or loans of other property. We can now look forward to policing sponsored by whichever company makes the best offer: a cigarette company, a bank, or a second-hand car firm. What happens when the police have to investigate an alleged crime by their sponsor is a problem the Act ignores. Perhaps any problems this generates will be cleared up in yet another piece of legislation.

●The author is Principal Lecturer in Law, Staffordshire University.

The 23-lawyer firm is best known for its corporate work; now it wants to develop its sports-related practice under Jeff Rubenstein and Neil Shustopal. Mr. Rubenstein said the firm believed there was "potential

☐ Have the Government and the judges got sentencing right? Senior judges, JPs.

●A free legal advice hot line (01222 874580), staffed by postgraduates, has been set up for travellers by Cardiff Law School.

□ MPs on the Home Affairs Committee under Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, are expected to back the Home Secretary in his support.

□ The CyberNotary is coming to town. Robert Bond, who joins the London firm Hobson Audley as a partner, is leading the movement to allow international documents to be notarised by e-mail.

Courts determine and impose sentences.  
Will magistrates also have the time to  
supervise the detail of the penalties?

Michael Howard seems to favour a more active role for the magistracy in determining what actually happens to defendants. *The Green Paper — Strengthening*

In principle, JPs might welcome greater sentencing discretion. But there are already concerns about the practicalities. As Rosemary Thomson, Magistrates' Association chairman, says, "It all turns on what giving the courts 'more say' means and on what a 'more active role' turns out to imply."

Magistrates will welcome her statement. One remarked: "It's up to the Probation Service to specify exactly what the criminals should do. This idea is rather like requiring judges to make frequent prison visits to see what is happening to the people they have sentenced. An overview is always necessary, but

Benchs will differ in what they want an offender to do. But that aside, the proposals look problematic. As another JP put it: "Courts cannot and should not impose sentences which cannot reasonably be carried out. There is no point in sentencing someone to a drug rehabilitation unit if the nearest one is 150 miles away. How are we meant to know better than those who produce the reports on which we go?"

**POINT**  
**DAVIES**

There is some support for the way it is set out in Holland. Young people there may be given a form of conditional sentence that carries certain defined consequences. Our system of conditional discharge merely tells people that if they re-offend within a specified period, they can be dealt with in a different way for the previous offence. It doesn't spell out the actual consequence of reoffending.

The Probation Service is naturally not happy with the proposals, but John Harding, chairman of the young offenders' committee of the Council of Chief Officers of Probation, is more sanguine, saying that the Green Paper is all about language and appearance, and public relations, exercise for newspaper readers. Little, he says, will change "because magistrates don't have the time or the skills to deal personally with those who appear before them". At present, courts have a duty to determine and impose sentence. To expect them to oversee sentences seems not just impractical but not.

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Some sentences passed on those convicted of crimes ranging from rape to serious fraud, have been out of line with public opinion. Young offenders at holiday camps, on safari or taught to drive at the public expense; should they have been? Prisons with heated swimming pools, deluxe football pitches and bowling greens. Correct, or should deterrence from crime and the protection of the public be the prime considerations? There are widely different views which will be represented at this one-day conference which has the good wishes of the Lord Chancellor.

Speakers include Sir Ivan Lawrence QC to put the Government's view; Hon. Mr Justice Judge; Judge John Baker, the president of the Magistrates Association, the Commissioner of Police for London, the Director of Victim Support, the Director of the Howard League, the President of the Justices Clerks Society.

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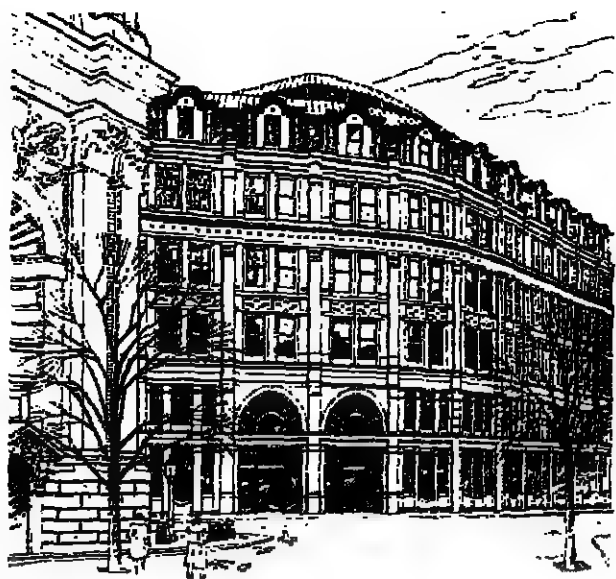
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Prestigious international law firm renowned for the strength of its litigation practice is seeking to recruit a top flight insurance litigator to join as senior member of London office. Established client base is already producing Lloyd's, reinsurance and other insurance litigation. Potential for handsome partnership for applicant who can bring demonstrable practice, immediate management opportunities. (Ref 4380)

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Prestigious international law firm renowned for the strength of its litigation practice is seeking to recruit a top flight insurance litigator to join as senior member of London office. Established client base is already producing Lloyd's, reinsurance and other insurance litigation. Potential for handsome partnership for applicant who can bring demonstrable practice, immediate management opportunities. (Ref 4380)

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**Commercial Property - Nationwide**  
We continue to receive instructions for Solicitors with 1-5PQE to handle the full range of commercial property transactions. City experience desirable.

**Corporate Tax - to £50,000**  
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 Leeds v Oldham (7.30)  
**second division**  
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4.45	<b>Open Stage: The Fall</b> , by Michael Alcornford, Read by Rosemary Martin
5.00	<b>Phil</b> , with Chris Lowe and Linda Lowe on the Shopping List
6.00	<b>Star Of Cuckoo News</b> 5.30 The Board Games
7.00	<b>News</b> 7.00 <b>The Archers</b>
7.20	<b>Phil</b> 7.45 <b>Janey Gulle</b> returns
8.00	<b>Science Now: Peter Evans</b> returns on the annual conference of the British Psychological Society (p) <b>Phil</b>
8.30	<b>New Spies for Old?</b> Open to all. The role of intelligence and security services in the 1990s. In the fifth of six programmes, Christopher Andrew looks at the implications of putting MI6 and MI5 on a proper legal basis and holding the agencies to democratic account.
9.00	<b>In Touch: For people with a visual handicap</b>
9.30	<b>Telescope</b> (v) 9.55 <b>Weather</b>
10.00	<b>The World Tonight</b>
10.45	<b>Book at Bedtime: Sir Miles</b> , by Ernest Raymond, Read by Kenneth C. Brown (214)
1.00	<b>Madmenweek</b> - <i>Journal</i> Coe explores the week's events in the media (p)
1.30	<b>Horror</b> (FBI only): <i>Rocky Horror</i> shows the identity of places through unexpected musical puns (v)
1.50	<b>Today in Parliament</b> (p) (v)

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# The undeclared war waged in the womb

Honestly, I've got nothing against parents. Some of my best friends are parents. It's the sudden transformation process I have a bit of difficulty with. One minute they're party-going, pub-crawling, wise-cracking chums, the next months later they're holding forth about the shortage of changing tables and the length of nursery school waiting lists. And in public, too.

Curious to understand why, I turned for some enlightenment to last night's *Horizon* (BBC 2). After sitting through 50 minutes of hormonal horror, I can only say it's amazing the parents turn out so well. *Postnatal Attraction* was the rather overworked pun the producers gave their video-nasty as a title. *Natural Born Killers* would have been closer to the mark. Anybody who thinks they're in for five months of blissful fulfilment can forget it. We're talking war.

Given that parent and offspring

appear locked in conflict from day one, it did seem a little surprising that it has taken until now for someone to suggest that the battles start not at birth, but at fertilisation. But now someone has, in the shape of David Haig, a balding, bearded Australian biologist with a slightly annoying habit of grinning while he explains his new evolutionary theories to you.

What these boil down to is the recognition that pregnancy is not the sweet symbiosis of modern myth, but a desperate struggle for control between mother and foetus, each blasting the other with an armoury of hormones and natural killer cells. This was serious science, as you could tell from the number of explanations.

First Haig would explain a specific point to camera. Then he would explain it again to an understandably dubious looking mother-to-be at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in London. Finally, some-

one else would explain it to us, using, for reasons that were never quite clear, a chessboard. Morning sickness, gestational diabetes and something ghastly called pre-eclampsia could all be explained, according to Haig, by the uterine battle royal raging between mother and foetus. And explained they were - three times each.

Such conflict would have to be somebody's fault and the fathers among you may not have required too many guesses to work out who. The problem is that from the selfish point of view of the father's genes, pregnancy is a one-off opportunity to survive. They therefore like their progeny to be big, beefy and bonny. The maternal genes, by contrast, get the chance to survive with each pregnancy and therefore favour a baby strategy that could be best described as little and often.

While it was good to see *Horizon*

## REVIEW



Matthew Bond

tackling such complex science again, it did so with a certain ring-rustiness. Still, nothing that a few scientific sparring sessions can't put right.

One of the great mysteries of life having been addressed, it was time to turn to another. No, not what John Major is doing in Downing Street (*Panorama*), but how it can cost £48.50 to go from Victoria Station in London to the Ken-

ton Hilton, a distance of some two miles. The answer lies with the unlicensed taxis that illegally tout for business at our airports and railway stations.

To give its investigation a little edge, *Undercover Britain* (Channel 4) invited Sue Hutchinson, a formidable woman who runs a south London and definitely kosher mini-cab firm, to conduct it. This she did with considerable enthusiasm and courage, employing an American accent of doubtful authenticity and my least favourite investigative device, the camera concealed in a suitcase.

Always leaves me feeling so giddy. The infiltration of the station touts she left to her researcher, Patrick, who she said was disguised as a drifter but looked just like a Channel 4 researcher to me. Nevertheless, he passed muster and was soon unhelpfully rubbing shoulders with the likes of Doughtnut and Rabbit, men whose sole

purpose in life is to relieve unsuspecting travellers of unbelievable amounts of money. "Can you bush people?" asked Doughtnut, "take all their money off them? Don't work for me if you can't." Patrick thought he could - in the interests of research, of course.

If it wasn't so awful, what they exposed would have been quite funny. Like the driver who confidently announced: "You are now in south London." As he drove yet another curious American accent up Park Lane. Or the driver who, when confronted with the evidence at Sam, swore blind that it was his twin brother who had charged £19.50 to go from Victoria to a Regent Street hotel.

The programme was long on damning evidence, but short on solutions. Hutchinson, however, had definitely made her point.

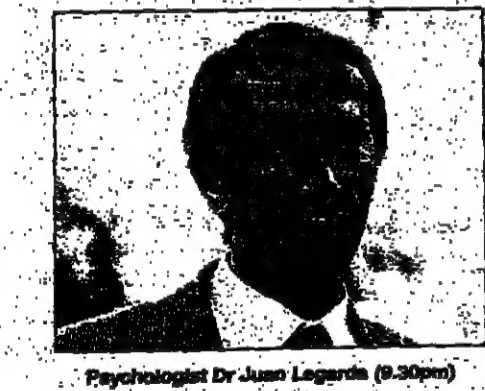
Which is an awful lot more than can be said for *Deadline* (Chan-

nel 4). One behind the scenes look at Yorkshire Television's *Calendar* programme. I could just about understand, but six? This week's action-packed instalment featured Richard Whiteley standing in front of a blue screen for five minutes and one of Pontefract's unemployed angrily wondering why when she had gone to all the trouble of shouting over Michael Portillo's interview, the *Calendar* team had gone to all the trouble of editing her out. Still, if that didn't grab you there was always Jake Mangwiler marrying his Jude wrestler, not to mention the two young women learning to read the Autocue.

But undoubtedly the most instructive episode concerned the problems that Yorkshire women's passion for high heels presents for long-suffering sound men. "We'll just wait for the clippity-clop to pass," said one. Now there's a bit of good advice.

## BBC1

- 6.00 *Business Breakfast* (57273)
- 7.00 *BBC Breakfast News* (51741297)
- 8.05 *Kilroy*. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (3190382)
- 10.00 *News*. (Ceeftel) regional news and weather (182100) 10.05 *Eastenders* - *The Early Days* (s) (Ceeftel) (489016)
- 10.10 *Good Morning with Anne and Nick*. Weekly magazine (s) (519742)
- 12.00 *News*. (Ceeftel) and weather (523382) 12.05 *Pebble*. With Alan Titchmarsh (s) (2130394)
- 12.55 *Regional News* and weather (523382)
- 1.00 *One O'Clock News*. (Ceeftel) and weather (46094)
- 1.30 *Newsnight*. (Ceeftel) (s) (523382)
- 1.50 *Going for Gold* with the urban Henry Kelly (s) (523382)
- 2.15 *Perry Mason*. The legal eagle defends a man accused of murdering his rock star wife. Starring Raymond Burr (s) (Ceeftel) (523382)
- 2.45 *Cartoon*. (523742) 3.50 *Monty*. A new series about the adventures of a chocolate biscuit loving dog (s) (122810) 3.55 *Flora's American Tails* (s) (222452) 4.30 *Walt on Earth*. Science-fiction comedy thriller (s) (510213) 4.35 *Maid Marian and Her Merry Men* (s) (Ceeftel) (s) (335181) 5.00 *Newsnight* (123034)
- 5.05 *Newsnight*. A fly-on-the-wall documentary capturing the first moments of young people's sciences to adulthood. (Ceeftel) (s) (412355)
- 5.35 *Neighbours* (s) (Ceeftel) (s) (523704)
- 6.00 *Six O'Clock News*. (Ceeftel) and weather (523704)
- 6.30 *Regional news magazine* (523704)
- 7.00 *Holiday*. Reports from the Venezuelan outbreak. New York, Dubai and Kinshasa. Last in the series. (Ceeftel) (s) (5122)
- 7.30 *Eastenders*. Sharon plays some surprise visits while Ricky tries to find a job for Bianca. (Ceeftel) (s) (723)
- 8.00 *A Question of Sport*. David Coleman, Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont are joined by Ally McColly, Nellie Courman, Richard Durwood and Graham Thorpe. (Ceeftel) (s) (7616)
- 8.30 *The Best of Australia*. Starring Terry Hogan. (Ceeftel) (s) (523704)
- 9.00 *One O'Clock News*. (Ceeftel) regional news and weather (7616)



Psychologist Dr Juan Legarda (9.30pm)

- 9.30 *QED: Sleeping It Off*. A documentary about an alternative cure for methadone addiction. (Ceeftel) (s) (94535)
- 10.00 *Blackadder*. The Third. Blackadder becomes involved in the French Revolution (s). (Ceeftel) (523704)
- 10.30 *Newsnight*. (Ceeftel) (s) (523704)
- 11.30 *Film: Real Genius* (1985) starring Val Kilmer and Gabe Kaplan. A comedy about two young whizkids who are being exploited by the military. Directed by Martha Coolidge. (Ceeftel) (s) (523704)
- 11.55 *Weather* (523704)

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Victory puts Australia in charge

## West Indies facing test of character

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

FOR the first time since 1975-76, when Clive Lloyd's side gave up the ghost in Australia, West Indies cricketers are faced with a crisis of confidence. Australia not only won the first Test match of this series here on Sunday, but, in doing so, they also showed West Indies up as being badly in need of cohesion. One of the strengths of modern West Indian sides has been that players have pulled for each other: in this one, they seemed not to be doing so.

In Andy Roberts, they have a new manager who was much feared as a bowler and still has a fairly quelling way with him. He knows more than enough to have seen that, at times, Ambrose and Walsh were at half-cock, and that far too many West Indies wickets were thrown away. At the end of the first day, after West Indies had been bowled out for 195, Roberts attributed their negligence to a surfeit of one-day cricket; but nobody, himself included, can have been convinced by that.

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, was surprised to find that when, early in the Australia first innings, he hooked at Ambrose, he had finished his stroke before the ball arrived. Ambrose has been kept out of the game with shoulder trouble, but in one of the stands was not the matter so much as his attitude. There were no such half measures with the Australians: they were wholly committed and played very well for their ten-wicket victory.

Several times in recent years, one has thought that West Indies were ready for the taking, but it has never quite happened. Their fast bowlers, and the confidence which they transmit, have allowed them to prevail. When they have lost a Test match, as they did against England here in

Bridgetown last year, it has usually been after the series has been won. It is a very different matter losing a first Test match, let alone in comfortably under three days: when they are searching for an opening pair, have an ageing, somewhat mercurial attack, and have just brought back a captain who has been through the torment of a breakdown.

The advantage Richie Richardson had when he took over the West Indian side from Vivian Richards in 1991 was that he is a less daunting

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figure than his predecessor and the players were happier for it. He was never a perceptive tactician, any more than Richards had been or Lloyd was, but he grew into the job and was well liked. Captaining West Indies to success through the Nineties had been a matter simply of shuffling the fast bowlers and acquiescing in as much intimidation as they could get away with.

Richardson now returns to a side that has been rather enjoying itself under Courtney Walsh, their caretaker cap-



Richardson: needs help

tain, and at a time when he himself is searching desperately for confidence, not only as a batsman but also in his own worldliness. From now on, he will need all the help he can get from his team, and Roberts will have to tell them so in no uncertain terms.

The West Indian selectors are also under pressure. To have included two unfledged opening batsmen was indicative of an over-confidence induced by West Indies' easy 4-1 victory in the one-day series and the absence from the Australia side of Craig McDermott.

The Australians were delighted that neither Simmons nor Arthurton was chosen for the first Test match. They felt that they had less to fear from Campbell and Williams, who, in the event, totalled only 17 runs between them.

There is further resentment, too, that Desmond Haynes, rather than going in first for West Indies last week, as he had wanted, was making 92 for Western Province against Orange Free State in Bloemfontein.

In Brian Lara, of course, West Indies still have the world's best batsman. To him, almost anything is possible. With one innings, he could transform the series. Mention of him brings one to that "catch", the one that never was of the first day but which, unfortunately, accounted for Lara when he had made 65.

Considering to whom it happened, when it happened and that nobody is in any doubt that Steve Waugh put the ball down, it has caused remarkably little antagonism. If Australia had been playing England, it would have registered on the Richter scale. Here, prudently, there are seen to be more far-reaching reasons for such an unexpected defeat.

Craig McDermott, the Australia fast bowler, has abandoned plans to rejoin the tour after medical tests on torn ligaments ruled out an early recovery.

Conner and his Stars & Stripes crew celebrate the victory over *Mighty Mary* that forced a sail-off between the yachts today.

## Conner draws level in battle of the sexes

IF NOTHING else, Dennis Conner is a master of survival. The America's Cup maestro, pummeled from all sides, fought back to gain a decisive victory over Bill Koch's women's crew off San Diego on Sunday to keep hopes alive that his *Stars & Stripes* team can continue towards a record sixth tilt at yachting's premier trophy.

Had Leslie Egnot and her crew on *Mighty Mary* won, then Conner, who has withstood a barrage of protests on and off the water during the past week, would have been knocked out of the cup before reaching the finals for the first time in more than two decades.

Instead, a victory today in a sudden-death sail-off against *Mighty Mary* will propel Conner, the only man to have lost and regained the America's Cup, through to the Citizen Cup finals against Kevin Mahaney's champion defence candidate, *Young America*.

"We feel we have momentum now," Paul Cayard, who shares the wheel of *Stars & Stripes* with Conner, said after their one-sided four-minute win. "It's been a tough week, especially after the jury took away one of our wins over the

Barry Pickthall on the male failings that prevented a triumph over chauvinism in the America's Cup.

keel change, but now we have a real chance."

Koch, whose vision and wealth have helped mould a disparate team of female rowers, weightlifters and other athletes into a world-class sailing crew, was frustrated as victory over male chauvinism slipped away.

The greatest irony was that just when the women sailors had their greatest success in sight, it was the man Koch had brought on board to replace J.J. Isler, the female tactician, who lost the race. Dave Dellenbaugh was the controversial inclusion to this once all-women crew whose strategic skills were meant to sharpen up the team's tactical abilities. Yet it was he who made the greatest tactical mistake of them all — steering the boat over the start line early.

It was an unforced error drawn from a last-minute dither as to which end of the line to start. Twenty seconds before

the gun, he was in two minds about whether to continue harassing Conner's yacht or tack away for a clear start at the committee boat end of the line. Dellenbaugh shot the boat up into the wind, changed his mind and bore back down towards *Stars & Stripes*. Then, moments before the starting gun fired, he pulled the wheel down again and was caught with *Mighty Mary*'s bows across the line three seconds early.

By the time that he had handed the wheel over to Egnot to steer the rest of the race and she had returned to cross the line correctly, *Mighty Mary* was a mighty 53 seconds adrift. In her 21 starts before this semi-final series, Isler had not been caught out in such embarrassing fashion, although she was late once for a start.

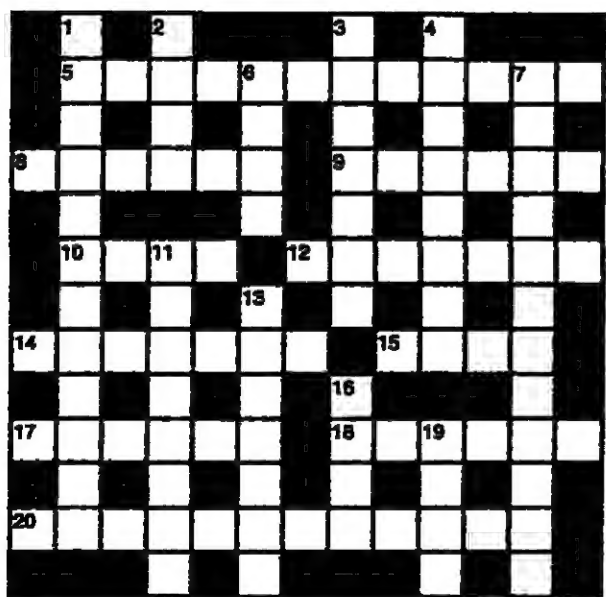
As a result, Conner, who once said that he would give up sailing if ever beaten by the women, had the victory

he needed most handed to him on a plate, ending a three-race losing streak that, only hours before, had looked like leaving him high and dry for the rest of the series. Instead, Conner levelled the series 3-3 and won the right to a sail-off.

The race jury, headed by John Doerr, the Briton, swiftly cleared the backlog of protests and counter-protests that have surrounded the controversial keel change to Conner's damaged yacht a week ago. The litigious issues, which threatened to submerge the event and drag the sport back to the dark days of 1988, when the cup was fought over in the Supreme Court, were dealt with in the firmest manner.

Doerr refused Koch's request to reopen the keel issue, dismissed Conner's protest against *Young America* and spoke sharply of charging protesters with unsportsmanlike conduct if any more frivolous issues were brought to his attention. As a result, two other protests still pending were quietly withdrawn, leaving the waters clear for a good clean fight today.

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- 5 Defiantly query decision (5,3,4)  
8 Toy (shorter) (6)  
9 Roman god of fire (6)  
10 Long tooth (4)  
12 Creation of the imagination (7)  
14 Part of lock: type of surgery (7)  
15 Final part of musical piece (4)  
17 Fruit, comes in hands (6)  
18 Extensively damaged (6)  
20 Toy twirled and jumped over (8-4)

## DOWN

- 1 Mark of encouragement, approval (3,2,3,4)  
2 Excitedly alert (4)  
3 Of dramatist George Bernard (7)  
4 Thin-bladed dagger (8)  
6 Sea eagle (4)  
7 "The - Banner" (USA's) (4-5)  
11 Potato spirit (8)  
13 Scruffy cinema (4-3)  
16 Boost, card game (4)  
19 Early stringed instrument (4)

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## Blackburn primed to widen gap

BY PETER BALL

BLACKBURN Rovers can take another step towards the FA Cup final tonight. A win against Queens Park Rangers will put them eight points clear of Manchester United with only six games to play.

Their fortuitous win at Everton on Saturday, combined with United's failure to beat Leeds United on Sunday, appeared to tilt the balance firmly in Blackburn's favour. Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, as always, refused yesterday to look beyond tonight, but the feeling grows that the fates are with his team, and even he recognises his side's luck at Goodison Park.

"Every team needs a bit of good fortune and we were a bit short on that in the early part of the season, so maybe it is catching up with us now," he

## THE CHAMPIONSHIP RUMIN

## BLACKBURN ROVERS

Tonight: Queens Park Rangers (A) Apr 11: Crystal Palace (H); 15: Leeds (A); 17: Manchester City (H); 30: West Ham (H); 1st May: B. Newcastle (H); 14: Liverpool (A)

## MANCHESTER UNITED

Apr 15: Leicester City (A); 17: Chelsea (H); 1st May: Coventry City (A); 7: Sheffield Wednesday (H); 10: Southampton (A); 14: West Ham (A)

said. "Perhaps the luck we got on Saturday at Everton was due to us."

United can only hope that Blackburn's luck has run out. Perhaps it has, for, after avoiding Duncan Ferguson, the Scotland international striker, at Goodison, they now run into an England forward, since Rangers will be strengthened by the return of Les Ferdinand, who has a habit of scoring against Blackburn. Ferdinand missed the 1-0 win at Coventry City on Saturday with knee and shoulder injuries, but they have eased and he will offer an intriguing

contrast to Shearer, Blackburn's spearhead.

If Dalglish refuses to take anything for granted, his tribute to his team yesterday morning sounded like a tribute to champions. It also provided a testimony to the qualities required to win an English championship. "You only get luck if you work hard for it and they have worked tremendously hard," Dalglish said. "They [the players] have shown they can play, they've shown they can compete; they can play against footballing sides, they can play against physical sides, which you have

to do. They can play in the wind and the rain and even in the few bits of sun. They've been through all our seasons and they are still standing there to be counted."

Cambridge United, of the Endleigh Insurance League second division, yesterday dismissed Gary Johnson, their manager, and placed Tommy Taylor, the former West Ham player, in temporary charge. Three Welsh non-league clubs — Newport AFC, Colwyn Bay and Caernarfon Town — have been banned indefinitely by Fifa, the sport's world governing body, from all competitions from the end of this season. The Football Association of Wales is being taken to the High Court by the clubs for refusing to allow them to play in the English pyramid system from their Welsh bases.

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## Game in turmoil over rebel league

Kerry Packer, the Sydney rebel tycoon whose world circus split cricket in 1977, is the unlikely establishment figure now battling to prevent a "Packer-style" television revolution of rugby league.

For World Series Cricket read Star League, a proposed ten-team super league in Australia and New Zealand, which has attracted around 100 deserters from the Australian Rugby League (ARL). Packer's Channel Nine television network holds exclusive rights for ARL games, and he is determined to shepherd them back into the fold.

The ARL, its coffers swelled by Packer, extracted loyalty pledges yesterday from 25 players. However, most of the present Australia side have signed up for the alternative competition with News Limited, part of The News Corporation, of which Rupert Murdoch is chairman and chief executive and which is the parent company of The Times.

Christopher Irvine on how a super league in Australia may affect rugby league in Britain

Star League matches are due to be screened from next year on pay television in Australia and via BSkyB and Star-TV in Great Britain and Asia.

Ricky Stuart, the Australia scrum half, is among the prominent figures to sign, but Packer and the ARL were last night still attempting to dissuade him. "I believe in the super league concept," Laurie Daley said, "and my future is secured" — a reference to the stand-off half's reputed seven-year £1 million deal. A ban on rebels playing any representative rugby was not an unsurprising resort by the ARL. It is one way in which the strike might be taken out of the Australians in the World Cup this

autumn in England and Wales, but hardly a satisfactory one. Ripples from the revolution 12,000 miles away might extend to leading players in Britain, being enticed. Then, there is the question of Wigan's on-off World Club Challenge defence in June against Canberra, one of three clubs facing expulsion by the ARL.

The possibility of a world league controlled from Australia troubles the Rugby Football League, Rodney Walker, the chairman, said. "In the event of Murdoch creating a schism in Australia, it is inevitable he will want to talk to us. If we simply sit back and allow him to cherry pick, there would be the elite and the rest."

Less than a month after the launch of four new teams in an expanded Winfield Cup, the revolt from within appears far more serious than the one quashed by Packer in February. Unless delayed by court action, the rebels could be up and running by next March.

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